

## 23. IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

### • FISHERIES INFORMATION

North Dakota Game and Fish Department:

GENERAL INFORMATION – Bismarck Office 701-328-6300

NORTHWEST DISTRICT LAKES – Williston Office 701-774-4320

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LAKES – Dickinson Office 701-227-7431

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT LAKES – Riverdale Office 701-654-7475

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT LAKES – Bismarck Office 701-328-6688

NORTHEAST DISTRICT LAKES – Devils Lake Office 701-662-3617

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT LAKES – Jamestown Office 701-253-6480

NDGFD fishing homepage – <http://gf.nd.gov/fishing>

### • REPORTING GAME AND FISH VIOLATIONS

**RAP PROGRAM (REPORT ALL POACHERS) Call 800-472-2121**

**Call this number only to report game and fish violations.**

**Note: If calling from outside of ND the number is 701-328-9921.**

### • OTHER AGENCIES

**N.D. Parks and Recreation Department 701-328-5357**

**N.D. Department of Health 701-328-5210**

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 701-250-4242**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Oahe Project 701-255-0015

Sakakawea Project 701-654-7411

Ashtabula Project 701-845-2970

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Garrison Dam Fish Hatchery 701-654-7451

Valley City Fish Hatchery 701-845-3464

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 701-442-5474

Tewaukon Refuge 701-724-3598

Upper Souris Refuge 701-468-5467

J. Clark Salyer Refuge 701-768-2548

Long Lake Wildlife Refuge 701-387-4397

### • TRIBAL CONTACTS

**Fort Berthold.** Game and Fish Department, 404 Frontage Road, New Town, ND 58763 701-627-4760.

**Standing Rock.** Game and Fish Department, Box 549, Fort Yates, ND, 58538 701-854-7236.

**Turtle Mountain.** Department of Natural Resources, Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316 701-477-2604.

**Spirit Lake.** Fish and Wildlife Department, Box 359, Fort Totten, ND 58335 701-766-1243.

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# **NORTH DAKOTA FISHING GUIDE**

**2014-2016**

**(Effective April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016)**



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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## *Office of the Governor*

North Dakota is home to legendary outdoor recreation, with angling opportunities taking center stage.

We have more managed fishing waters than at any other time since statehood 125 years ago, with more public access and more fish. People are noticing, too, as we've set records for licensed anglers, both resident and nonresident.



**Governor  
Jack Dalrymple**

Some of this good fortune is a product of nature. Abundant snow and rains over the last 20 years have created many new productive fishing waters.

At the same time, work by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department has ensured that new lakes develop fish populations, either through natural migration, or via stocked fish if needed. Game and Fish and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have worked closely together at Garrison Dam and Valley City national fish hatcheries to produce record numbers of walleye, northern pike and other species needed to supplement fish populations.

We also need to thank many North Dakota landowners who have worked with Game and Fish to provide agreements for boat ramps, shore-fishing areas and winter ice fishing access points.

Almost all of these newer waters, plus the rest of North Dakota's fishing lakes, are described elsewhere in this guide.

And we can't forget our nationally recognized fishing destinations, such as Lake Sakakawea, the Missouri River, Lake Oahe and Devils Lake.

This guide provides important information regarding regulations to help you fish safely and legally on North Dakota waters. Visit the Game and Fish Department's website at [gf.nd.gov/fishing](http://gf.nd.gov/fishing) for details on all of our fishing waters, including contour maps, species present, directions and available facilities.

On waters large or small, near cities and in rural areas, North Dakota is rich with fishing opportunities. There's never been a better time to enjoy what the state has to offer.

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*This guide is provided for informational purposes and is not intended as a complete listing of regulations. For more specific information on regulations and laws, visit the Game and Fish Department website (for proclamations) or for North Dakota state laws go to [www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/T-201.html](http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/T-201.html).*

# **1. NEW FOR 2014-2016 FISHING SEASONS**

## **(Summary of major changes)**

- Reduction of the statewide daily and possession limit of crappie from 20 and 80 to 10 and 20 respectively.
- Bowfishing season will run from April 1 through November 30 (expanded to include the months of April, October and November). Open water spearfishing season to run from May 1 through November 30 (expanded to include the months of October and November).
- Modifications to the paddlefish season including - changing the hours open to snagging from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. to 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; reducing the 36-hour notice to close the season to 24 hours; reducing the extended snag-and-release season from seven to four days; a new requirement that all paddlefish snagged and tagged must be removed from the river by 9 p.m. of each snagging day; a change in the days open to harvest from Wednesday through Saturday – to – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; and additional requirements to accompany a harvested fish.
- The Red and Bois de Sioux rivers are now open to darkhouse spearfishing.
- Elimination of lake-specific reduced panfish limits for Odland Dam.

Other useful fishing information, including updates to North Dakota's fishing waters and stocking records, is found on the Game and Fish Department's website – [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov) – and in the March-April issue of *North Dakota OUT-DOORS* magazine. Readers are encouraged to use these valuable resources for additional information.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO  
RELEASE BAITFISH  
INTO ANY  
NORTH DAKOTA  
WATERS.**



**R.A.P.**  
**REPORT ALL POACHERS**  
**800-472-2121**

*This program encourages people to report fish and wildlife violations, remain anonymous if they prefer, and receive monetary rewards for convictions based on their information. Anonymous callers will be given a special code number and are not required to give their name. Rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the nature and seriousness of the crime. **Call 800-472-2121.** Call this number only to report game and fish violations. Note: If calling from outside North Dakota, the number is 701-328-9921. The reward fund is supported by private donations. If you wish to donate to the RAP program, tax deductible contributions can be sent to RAP, Box 188, Valley City, ND 58072-0188.*

## 2. LICENSES

These regulations are in effect for two years from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. A fishing year is defined as April 1 of one calendar year through March 31 of the following calendar year. NOTE: In the event of emergency changes to the 2014-2016 proclamation, Game and Fish will alert the media and public and post new information on the Department's website.

Licenses are valid for one year starting April 1 and ending March 31 of the following year. An angler must possess a valid fishing license for the respective season.

Residents and nonresidents age 16 and older need licenses. Residents under age 16 may take and possess a limit of fish without a fishing license. Any nonresident under age 16 may take and possess a limit of fish without a nonresident fishing license if accompanied by an individual possessing a valid fishing license.

Residency qualifications and a waiver of residency form are available on the Game and Fish website. Call 701-328-6300 for more information.

North Dakota residents who are on leave while on active duty with the United States military can fish without a license. Contact the Department for details.

Nonresident full-time students living in North Dakota, who are attending a state or tribal college, or a private institution of higher education, may qualify for purchasing resident fishing licenses. Contact the Department for details.

Some licenses are in the form of stamps. Stamps must be pasted to a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate and signed in ink.

The fishing license (paper or electronic form) must be in the possession of the licensee at all times while fishing.

**Free Fishing Days** – *Residents of North Dakota may fish without a resident fishing license on June 7 and June 8, 2014 and on June 6 and June 7, 2015.*

## License Fees

### Resident Fishing, Hunting and Furbearer

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Certificate .....  | \$1  |
| Resident Individual .....  | \$16 |
| Resident Husband and Wife.....   | \$22 |
| Resident, 65 years or older .....  | \$5  |
| Resident, Totally or Permanently Disabled* .....   | \$5  |
| Resident, 50 percent or More Disabled Veteran* ...   | \$5  |
| Resident Combination License (16 years or older – includes fishing, small game, general game and habitat, and furbearer licenses)..... | \$50 |

### Nonresident Fishing, Hunting and Furbearer

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Certificate .....                 | \$2  |
| Nonresident Individual .....      | \$45 |
| Nonresident Husband and Wife..... | \$60 |
| Nonresident 10 Days .....         | \$35 |
| Nonresident 3 Days .....          | \$25 |

All paddlefish snaggers must possess a paddlefish tag in addition to a valid fishing license and certificate that may be required. A resident paddlefish tag is \$10, a nonresident paddlefish tag is \$25.50.

*\*Available only from the Department's Bismarck office.*

## 3. FISH AND BAIT DEFINITIONS

**Game fish** are bluegill, burbot, channel catfish, chinook salmon, crappie (black and white), largemouth bass, muskellunge (pure and hybrid), northern pike, paddlefish, sauger, saugeye, smallmouth bass, sturgeon (pallid, shovelnose and lake), trout (brown, lake, rainbow and cut-throat), walleye, white bass, yellow perch and zander.

**Nongame fish** are all species that inhabit and reproduce in the state's waters that are not listed above as game fish.

**Legal live baitfish** are fathead minnows, creek chubs, sticklebacks and white sucker (Red and Bois de Sioux rivers only).

**Other legal live bait** includes all amphibians, insects and/or other invertebrates or parts thereof.



**Prepared baitfish** include any nongame fish (including legal live baitfish) which have been preserved by freezing, salting or otherwise treated to inactivate reproductive products. Prepared baitfish are legal bait. Nongame fish (including legal live baitfish), which have been reduced to sections, pieces or parts thereof are considered cut fish and are legal.

- Yellow perch eyes, and trout and salmon eggs are legal bait. The use of other game fish or parts thereof is illegal.

**Manufactured and biodegradable bait** are products manufactured as edible fishing bait and other inert biodegradable substances and are considered legal bait.

#### **4. POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF FISH AND BAIT**

Transportation of any live fish, live fish eggs, live amphibians or other live aquatic organisms is illegal except for:

- Anglers transporting legal live baitfish and bait (see below).
- Dealers and buyers of tropical fish species for the pet trade sold at commercial outlets.
- Individuals in possession of the appropriate license or permit from the Game and Fish director.

##### **Baitfish and Bait** (also see Section 6)

It is illegal to possess, or possess with intent to sell, or to use as live baitfish any species other than fathead minnows, creek chubs, sticklebacks and white suckers. The penalty for fishing with or possession of an illegal live baitfish is \$250.

It is illegal to possess more than an aggregate of 150 legal live baitfish (i.e., fathead minnows, creek chubs, sticklebacks and white suckers). See page 16 for list of limits for all bait.

Absolutely no live baitfish may be used or possessed while on the following waters:

| WATER AREA              | COUNTY        |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Belfield Pond           | Stark         |
| Blumhardt Dam           | McIntosh      |
| Bylin Dam/Dougherty Dam | Walsh         |
| Camels Hump Dam         | Golden Valley |
| Crown Butte             | Morton        |
| Custer Mine Pond        | McLean        |
| Davis Dam               | Slope         |
| Dickinson Dike          | Stark         |
| Fish Creek              | Morton        |
| Harmon Lake             | Morton        |
| Indian Creek            | Hettinger     |
| Kettle Lake             | Williams      |
| Leland Dam              | McKenzie      |
| Lightning Lake          | McLean        |
| McDowell Dam            | Burleigh      |
| Mott Watershed          | Hettinger     |
| Nelson Lake             | Oliver        |
| North Lemmon Dam        | Adams         |
| Nygren Dam              | Morton        |
| Raleigh Reservoir       | Grant         |
| Sather Dam              | McKenzie      |
| Sheep Creek Dam         | Grant         |
| Velva Sportsmen's Pond  | Ward          |

For the **Red River and Bois de Sioux** rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries: legal live baitfish are fathead minnows, creek chubs, sticklebacks and white suckers.

**Statewide** – in all other water bodies of North Dakota (not listed on page 9), **the only legal live baitfish are fathead minnows, creek chubs and sticklebacks.**

*Exception – rainbow smelt may be taken on the Missouri River System; however, all smelt taken must be dead when transported.*

Legal live baitfish and other legal live bait may be transported in water but only in containers of five gallons or less.

**No live aquatic organisms may be imported into the state by anglers.**

All legal live aquatic organisms used by anglers, including legal baitfish (e.g. fathead minnows), amphibians (e.g. salamanders and frogs), invertebrates (e.g. crayfish and leeches) and insects must have been purchased or trapped in North Dakota.

## **Game and Nongame Fish**

See pages 16 and 17 for list of limits, by species.

The **daily creel limit** is defined as the maximum number of legally taken fish (by species) that may be harvested from midnight to midnight. No individual may harvest or possess more than North Dakota's daily limit of fish while on the water or the ice or actively engaged in any manner of fishing.

The **possession limit** is defined as the maximum number of legally taken fish (by species) that an individual may have in their actual possession during any phase of any single fishing trip of more than one day.

At no time may an individual transport more than a possession limit without written approval of the director.

The **storage limit** at one's *permanent residence* is unlimited.

No fish species may be transported in water away from the water body from which they were taken. Ice in a cooler or other container may be used in transporting fish.

It is illegal to take, possess or transport any of the following species of fish in North Dakota (they must be immediately released back into the water from which

they were caught): pallid sturgeon, shovelnose sturgeon, lake sturgeon and silver carp.

It is illegal to take paddlefish at any time except as provided on pages 26-28.

It is illegal to remove more than gills, entrails and scales from fish species harvested in waters that are subject to a size limit while on the water or actively engaged in fishing. It is illegal to remove more than the gills and entrails (head, fillets and tail must be attached) from channel catfish east of ND Highway 1 while on the water, actively engaged in fishing, transporting or until the fish are at the license holder's permanent residence.

No individual possessing any game fish species may waste, destroy or abandon the edible flesh (fillets).

Any fish, including parts thereof, that are transported must be packaged in such a manner that the number of fish in each package is easily determined.

Any fish (whole and/or fillets) may be given (gifted) to another individual, but the fish must be counted in the donor's daily limit.

Gifted fish, including packages of fish, must be accompanied with the following information from the individual gifting the fish: name, fishing license number, phone number, date, species and number of fish gifted.

| <b>Example of required information<br/>when gifting (giving) fish to another</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <i>Name:</i>   | <i>Pat Angler</i>   |
| <i>Fishing License Number:</i>   | <i>- - - - -</i>    |
| <i>Phone Number:</i>   | <i>701-000-0000</i> |
| <i>Species Gifted:</i>   | <i>Walleye</i>      |
| <i>Number Gifted:</i>  | <i>10</i>           |
| <i>Date:</i>   | <i>5/1/2014</i>     |

Except for legally gifted fish, it is illegal to possess or transport another individual's game fish or parts thereof without the license holder accompanying or as otherwise permitted.

Commercial processors, common carriers, and common storage areas may possess any individual's legally taken possession limit of fish. Each package must be labeled with the owner's name and address.

## **5. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**Stocking of any live fish, live fish eggs, live amphibians, or other live aquatic organisms into any waters of the state is illegal except with the appropriate license or permit issued by the Game and Fish director.**

**No individual shall sell or take for the purpose of sale any fish except as allowed in bait or commercial fishing laws.**

Depositing or leaving any litter (including refuse, bottles, cans, etc.) or other waste material in the water, on the shore or on the ice is illegal.

It is illegal to deposit, or cause to be deposited, any fish or parts thereof, upon the ice, in the water, or upon the shore of any water body in North Dakota.

It is illegal to introduce anything into waters of the state for the purpose of attracting fish (chumming, etc.) that is not attached or applied to a lure as defined on page 17. Decoys used for darkhouse spearfishing are excluded.

It is illegal to fish with any spring, lever, chemically, electrically, or mechanically actuated hook at any time. The use of any mechanical device to automatically retrieve the fish is also illegal.

Other than landing a fish caught on hook and line equipment, netting or trapping fish is illegal except for bait as denoted on page 13.

The director may make reasonable accommodations to comply with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*.

## **6. BAIT REGULATIONS** (also see pages 8-10)

No live aquatic organisms may be imported into the state by anglers.

All individuals selling live bait must possess a bait vendor's license.

Any container (*e.g. bait bucket*) used to hold bait must be free of aquatic vegetation.

Each licensed angler may use no more than one minnow trap and/or one dip net for taking smelt or legal live bait. The trap may not exceed 12 inches in diameter and 30 inches in length with a throat opening not to exceed 1-1/4 inches. Dip nets may not exceed 24 inches in diameter or 36 inches in depth. All other nets (e.g. cast) are ILLEGAL.

Legal live bait and legal live baitfish may be taken in all public waters of the state and at all times except for the following:

- Those water bodies listed on page 9 as “no live bait-fish” lakes.
- Water bodies designated as infested with prohibited or regulated aquatic nuisance species (see North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov) for current list of lakes).
  - Exception – rainbow smelt may be taken on the Missouri River System; however, all smelt taken must be dead when transported.

It is illegal to use live rainbow smelt for bait anywhere except for: live smelt captured with a dip net or by hand in the Garrison Dam Tailrace and used only in the Tailrace from the Garrison Dam downstream to the southern boundary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Downstream Recreation Area.

## **7. MANNER OF TAKING**

Taking or attempting to take fish from North Dakota waters is limited to those methods listed below. Subsequent pages provide regulation details.

### **A. Hook and Line Fishing**

### **B. Darkhouse Spearfishing**

### **C. Archery and Spearfishing**

### **D. Underwater Spearfishing**

### **E. Paddlefish Snagging**

*Note – Manners of taking other than listed in this section such as “jugging,” “noodling,” and use of trot (set) lines are illegal.*

## A. Hook and Line Fishing

### Open Areas and Season Dates

| AREA  | SEASON  |
|---|---|
| <b>ALL WATERS of the state except for those listed below and on page 15.</b>  | Open to all fishing April 1 through March 31 of each fishing year.  |
| <b>OWLS Pond<br/>State Fair Pond</b>  | Closed to fishing at night (sunset to sunrise).   |
| <b>Lightning Lake<br/>McDowell Dam<br/>State Fair Pond</b>  | Open to all open-water fishing. Closed to all ice fishing.  |
| <b>Portions or all of the following waterfowl rest areas: Mount Carmel, North Golden Lake, Sheyenne Lake</b>  | Closed to all fishing September 20 through November 30 or when conditions allow for ice fishing (whichever comes first). Open to all fishing all other times.   |
| <b>All national wildlife refuges and easement national wildlife refuges are closed to fishing except the following</b> <i>(contact refuge headquarters for designated open areas and special restrictions):</i> |   |
| <b>Arrowwood, J. Clark Salyer, Lake Darling (and all waters within the Upper Souris refuge boundary), Lake Ilo, Long Lake and Tewaukon national wildlife refuges.</b>   | Open to shore and/or ice fishing April 1 through March 31 of each fishing year in designated areas. Open to boat fishing May 1 through September 30 of each fishing year in designated areas. Closed to all boating April 1 through April 30 and October 1 through March 31 of each fishing year. |
| <b>Lake Audubon National Wildlife Refuge (southern half of lake)</b>  | Open to ice fishing only. Closed to all other fishing and all boating.  |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Dakota Lake, Hobart Lake, and Sibley Lake (Griggs County) easement national wildlife refuges</b> | Open to all fishing April 1 through September 30 and December 1 through March 31 of each fishing year. Closed to all fishing and boating October 1 through November 30. |
| <b>Lake Ardoch, Rose Lake, and Silver Lake (Benson County) easement national wildlife refuges</b>   | Open to shore and/or ice fishing from April 1 through March 31 of each fishing year. Closed to all boating year-round.  |

### **Closed to Fishing**

- The Red River below the Drayton Dam for a distance of 150 feet.
- From or within 100 feet of the bridge located between North and South Lake Metigoshe.
- Areas near the Garrison Dam Tailrace so posted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- No individual shall fish or boat in areas posted and designated by the Game and Fish Department.



*Take a kid fishing!*



## Statewide Daily and Possession Limits

| SPECIES  |                                | DAILY LIMIT     | POSSESSION LIMIT |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye or Combination <sup>a</sup> |                                | 5               | 10               |
| Northern Pike  |                                | 5               | 10               |
| Yellow Perch   |                                | 20              | 80               |
| Bluegill   |                                | 20              | 80               |
| White Bass   |                                | 20              | 80               |
| Crappie  |                                | 10              | 20               |
| Trout  |                                | 3               | 3                |
| Salmon   |                                | 5               | 10               |
| Burbot (Ling)  |                                | 10              | 20               |
| Channel Catfish                                      | East of ND Hwy. 1 <sup>b</sup> | 5               | 5                |
|  | West of ND Hwy. 1              | no limit        | no limit         |
| Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass or Combination      |                                | 3               | 6                |
| Muskellunge<br>(pure or hybrid)                      |                                | 1               | 1                |
| Paddlefish   |                                | See pages 26-28 |                  |
| Nongame Fish<br>(other than legal live baitfish)     |                                | no limit        | no limit         |
| Legal Live Baitfish <sup>c</sup>                     |                                | 150             | 150              |
| Smelt  |                                | 5 gallons       | 5 gallons        |
| Frogs  |                                | 24              | 24               |
| Salamanders  |                                | 24              | 24               |
| Crayfish   |                                | 48              | 48               |

<sup>a</sup>–Zander are included as part of the walleye, sauger, saugeye combination in Spiritwood Lake.

<sup>b</sup>–In the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers, the limit is 5 regardless of the number of state or provincial licenses purchased by the angler.

<sup>c</sup>–Aggregate of all legal species.

## Exceptions to Statewide Fish Limits

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Red and Bois de Sioux rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries | <b>NORTHERN PIKE –</b><br>Daily 3, Possession 3<br><br><b>WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE OR COMBINATION –</b><br>Daily 3, Possession 3 |
| Lightning Lake  | <b>TROUT –</b><br>Catch and release only from April 1 through June 30  |
| OWLS Pond and State Fair Pond   | <b>ALL SPECIES –</b><br>Catch and release only   |
| Kraft Slough  | <b>YELLOW PERCH –</b><br>Daily 10, Possession 20   |
| Lake Metigoshe  | <b>BLUEGILL –</b><br>Daily 10, Possession 20   |

**See page 19 for fish size restrictions**

### Specific Regulation Information

Legal hook and line equipment for each angler is **two poles** statewide except:

**One pole only is** legal at:

Garrison Dam Tailrace (*Missouri River*) – while fishing from the piers and wingwalls.

Drayton Dam (*Red River*) – while shore-fishing between boat ramp and area designated “closed to fishing.”

**Four poles** are legal while ice fishing.

Note: When fishing a water body where both open water and ice fishing occur at the same time, an angler is allowed a maximum of four poles of which no more than two poles can be used in open water. (See page 21 for additional ice fishing regulations.)

No pole may have more than two lures.

A lure is defined as any man-made object comprised of metal, plastic, wood and/or other nonedible materials made or used to catch fish. A lure may not contain more than three hooks and the maximum distance between

any hooks on a lure may not exceed 10 inches. A single hook may not include more than three points, barbed or otherwise. Spinners and other live bait rigs and harnesses are considered a lure and are legal. Hookless dodgers or attractors used ahead of a lure or bait are legal.

An angler must remain within 150 feet of his/her fishing poles that are in active use for fishing. Fishing poles must be checked at least once per hour while fishing.

After catching on hook and line, it is legal to return all fish to the water at the site of capture if done no longer than the time needed to unhook, measure and/or photograph the fish immediately after being caught. Fish returned to the water should show no evidence of bleeding, be handled carefully, and not thrown or dropped. All fish released from bridges and wing-walls (e.g. Garrison Dam Tailrace) must be done immediately after being placed in a fish basket/open container to ensure fish survival.

High-grading or culling of fish is illegal. No fish may be returned to the water after being held on a stringer or confined by or in any type of holding structure, except in the case of approved live-release fishing tournaments and only with written permission from the Game and Fish director. **No fish may be released into any waters other than the one from which it was originally caught.**

A foul-hooked or snagged fish is defined as any fish hooked or caught in any area from behind the gill covers to the tail. Any foul-hooked or snagged fish must immediately be returned to the water regardless of condition. Possession of foul-hooked fish is illegal. Attempting to snag fish is illegal.

Landing a fish caught on hook and line equipment with aid of a gaff is legal except for sturgeon, paddlefish, muskellunge and species in waters in which there are size limits. No gaffed fish may be returned to the water.

It is illegal to tag or mark any fish prior to release.

Lake specific rules may exist and may be displayed by Department signage at access areas and bridges.

## Fish Size Restrictions

All undersized or oversized fish caught where there is a size limit, must be returned to the water immediately regardless of condition and must be handled carefully to avoid injury.

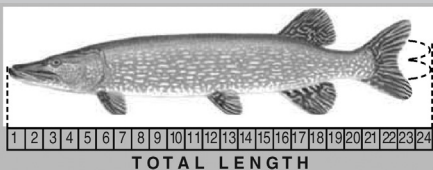
It is illegal to remove more than gills, entrails and scales from fish species harvested in waters that are subject to a size limit while on the water or actively engaged in fishing.

It is illegal to remove more than the gills and entrails from channel catfish east of ND Highway 1 while on the water, actively engaged in fishing, transporting or until the fish is at the license holder's permanent residence. Head, fillets and tail must be attached.

| WATER AREAS   |              | IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR POSSESS:  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Anywhere in the state   |              | <b>Muskellunge</b><br>Less than 48 inches in total length                    |
| Lake Elsie, Lueck Lake, and West Moran Lake   | Richland Co. | <b>Walleye/Sauger</b><br>Less than 14 inches in total length                 |
| Alkali Lake, Buffalo Lake (including connected waters north to Sargent Co. Rd. 1), and Tosse Slough | Sargent Co.  |  |
| Jamestown and Pipestem reservoirs upstream to and including the first bridge crossing               | Stutsman Co. |  |
| North and South Golden lakes  | Steele Co.   |  |
| Red Willow Lake   | Griggs Co.   | <b>Northern Pike</b><br>Less than 24 inches in total length                  |
| North and South Golden lakes  | Steele Co.   | <b>Largemouth Bass</b><br>Less than 14 inches in total length                |
| Red Willow Lake   | Griggs Co.   |  |
| All waters east of ND Highway 1 including the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers                          |              | <b>More than 1 Channel Catfish</b><br>Greater than 24 inches in total length |

## How to Measure the Length of a Fish

To determine the "total length" of a fish, lay it flat on its side **with its mouth closed** and measure from the nose to the tip of the tail **when the tail lobes are pressed together**.



TOTAL LENGTH

The following table is intended to assist an angler with a weight estimate based on the fish's length. The table shows the average weights of select fish statewide. The true weight of an individual fish may vary due to the sex of the fish, time of the year (e.g., spawning) when it is caught, the health of the fish and the water body from which it is caught.

|        | BLUEGILL         | YELLOW PERCH | WHITE BASS | SMALL-MOUTH BASS | LARGE-MOUTH BASS | WALLEYE | CHANNEL CATFISH | NORTHERN PIKE |
|--------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| INCHES | ESTIMATED POUNDS |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 |               |
| 6      | .2               | .1           | .1         | .1               | .1               |         |                 |               |
| 7      | .3               | .2           | .2         | .2               | .2               |         |                 |               |
| 8      | .5               | .3           | .3         | .3               | .3               | .2      |                 |               |
| 9      | .7               | .4           | .4         | .4               | .4               | .3      |                 |               |
| 10     | 1.0              | .5           | .5         | .5               | .6               | .3      | .3              |               |
| 11     | 1.3              | .7           | .7         | .7               | .8               | .4      | .4              |               |
| 12     | 1.7              | 1.0          | .9         | .9               | 1.0              | .6      | .5              | .4            |
| 13     |                  | 1.3          | 1.2        | 1.2              | 1.3              | .7      | .6              | .5            |
| 14     |                  | 1.6          | 1.5        | 1.5              | 1.6              | .9      | .8              | .6            |
| 15     |                  | 2.0          | 1.9        | 1.8              | 2.0              | 1.1     | .9              | .7            |
| 16     |                  |              | 2.3        | 2.2              | 2.4              | 1.4     | 1.2             | .9            |
| 17     |                  |              | 2.7        | 2.6              | 2.9              | 1.7     | 1.4             | 1.1           |
| 18     |                  |              | 3.3        | 3.2              | 3.4              | 2.0     | 1.7             | 1.3           |
| 19     |                  |              | 3.8        | 3.7              | 4.1              | 2.4     | 2.3             | 1.5           |
| 20     |                  |              | 4.3        | 4.4              | 4.7              | 2.9     | 2.9             | 1.8           |
| 21     |                  |              |            | 5.1              | 5.5              | 3.3     | 3.0             | 2.1           |
| 22     |                  |              |            | 5.9              | 6.4              | 3.9     | 3.4             | 2.4           |
| 23     |                  |              |            | 6.8              | 7.3              | 4.5     | 4.0             | 2.7           |
| 24     |                  |              |            | 7.7              | 8.3              | 5.1     | 4.8             | 3.2           |
| 25     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 5.8     | 5.8             | 3.7           |
| 26     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 6.6     | 6.5             | 4.1           |
| 27     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 7.4     | 8.7             | 4.6           |
| 28     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 8.3     | 9.7             | 5.1           |
| 29     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 9.3     | 10.1            | 5.7           |
| 30     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 10.4    | 11.2            | 6.3           |
| 31     |                  |              |            |                  |                  | 12.7    | 11.9            | 7.0           |
| 32     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         | 13.5            | 7.7           |
| 34     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         | 17.0            | 9.2           |
| 36     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         | 21.0            | 11.0          |
| 38     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         | 26.0            | 13.0          |
| 40     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 15.2          |
| 42     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 17.6          |
| 44     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 20.3          |
| 46     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 23.2          |
| 48     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 26.5          |
| 50     |                  |              |            |                  |                  |         |                 | 30.0          |

## Ice Fishing Regulations

Ice fishing is defined as hook and line fishing that occurs while on the ice. See pages 14-15 for waters open to hook and line fishing.

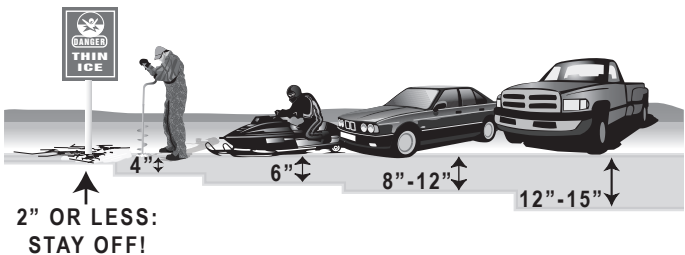
A maximum of four poles is legal for ice fishing. However, when fishing a water body where both open water and ice occur at the same time, an angler is allowed a maximum of four poles, of which no more than two poles can be used in open water.

Tip-ups are legal for ice fishing. Each tip-up is considered a single pole.

There is no restriction on the size of the hole in the ice while ice fishing. When a hole greater than 10 inches in diameter is left in the ice, the area in the immediate vicinity of the hole must be adequately marked with a natural object or a brightly painted or colored wooden lath. Markers must be visible from a minimum of 150 feet.

Fishing holes outside a fish house may be placed no closer than 10 feet from the house without consent of the fish house occupant.

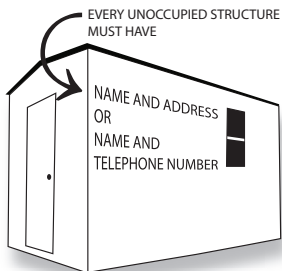
As a guideline, anglers should consider the following as the minimum thickness for safe loads on ice:



***Please note: The Game and Fish Department does not monitor ice thickness.***

## Fish Houses

Licensing of fish houses is not required in North Dakota. However, any **unoccupied** fish house must have displayed on its outside in readily distinguishable characters at least three inches high, the owner's name and address or the owner's name and telephone number. Any **unoccupied** fish house left on the ice without having this proper identification may be removed or destroyed by the Department, and its owner is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal offense.



Any structure used as a fish house or darkhouse (to include campers) that is required to have the owner's name and address or telephone number inscribed on it, shall be constructed of material that will allow it to float and be readily removable from the ice at any time.

Fish houses may be of any size and may be constructed with or without windows.

When in use, fish houses must be open for inspection at all times and hooks on doors are illegal.

Fish houses may be placed no closer than 50 feet in any direction from another fish house, without consent of the other fish house occupant.

All unoccupied ice houses must be removed from all waters beginning midnight March 15 until ice out.

It is illegal to leave fish houses on any federal refuge land or on any state-owned or managed land after March 15 of each year.

## **B. Darkhouse Spearfishing**

Northern pike and nongame fish are the only legal species for darkhouse spearfishing. Daily and possession limits are the same as listed on pages 16 and 17.

Darkhouse spearfishing is legal from December 1 through March 15 of each fishing year.

All waters open to hook and line fishing are open to darkhouse spearfishing **except the following fishing waters which are closed:**

**Braun Lake – Logan Co.**

**East Park Lake – McLean Co.**

**Heckers Lake – Sheridan Co.**

**Lake Audubon – McLean Co.**

**McClusky Canal**

**New Johns Lake – Burleigh Co.**

**Red Willow Lake – Griggs Co.**

**Sweet Briar Lake – Morton Co.**

**West Park Lake – McLean Co.**

In addition to possessing the needed valid fishing license, all individuals who participate in darkhouse spearfishing must first register on the Game and Fish Department website (<http://gf.nd.gov>), or through any Department office, prior to participating.

It is illegal to return fish to the water after they are speared. Possession of a spear is counted as a hook-and-line fishing pole while darkhouse spearfishing. Legal darkhouse spear equipment shall be any manually powered shaft with barbed points. The spear head shall not exceed 12 inches in width. Pneumatic or rubber band powered spear guns may not be used. Artificial and all legal bait with the exception of live white sucker and rainbow smelt may be used as decoys. (*Note: it is legal to use live white suckers as decoys on the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries*). Any line used for a decoy will



be considered a hook-and-line fishing pole if a hook is attached to the line.

There is no restriction on the size of the ice hole while actively engaged in darkhouse spearfishing. When a hole greater than 10 inches in diameter is left in the ice when a darkhouse is moved, the area in the immediate vicinity of the hole must be adequately marked by the spearer with a natural object or a brightly painted or colored wooden lath. Markers must be visible from a minimum of 150 feet.

### **C. Archery and Spearfishing**

Game fish may not be taken with bow/arrows or spears.

It is illegal to return fish to the water after they are shot or speared. All fish must be used and/or disposed of properly and not left in the water or on land.

Archery fishing is legal from April 1 through November 30 of each fishing year.

Spearfishing is legal from May 1 through November 30 of each fishing year.

Archery and spearfishing is open in all waters as specified on pages 14-15, except for the following areas which are closed:

- That portion of the Missouri River from the Garrison Dam downstream to the southern boundary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Downstream Recreation Area.

Legal archery equipment is any bow to which an arrow is attached by a line and equipped with a harpoon style point or wire-barbed point. The use of night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light-gathering optics including all lights used for locating and shooting at fish is legal. Crossbows are prohibited except with a special director's permit that may be issued if an individual is permanently disabled.

Legal spear equipment is any manually powered shaft with barbed points. The spear head shall not exceed 12 inches in width.

## **D. Underwater Spearfishing**

The following fish may not be taken with underwater spearfishing gear: muskellunge, paddlefish, smallmouth bass and sturgeon. All other species are legal. Daily and possession limits for legal fish are the same as listed on page 16.

Underwater spearfishing is legal from May 1 through November 30 of each fishing year.

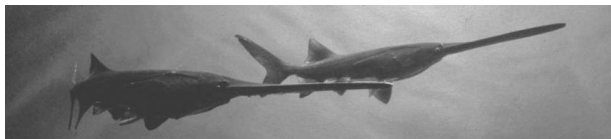
Underwater spearfishing is open only in the following waters:

- The Missouri River except that portion from the Garrison Dam downstream to the southern boundary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Downstream Recreation Area.
- Lake Oahe, Lake Sakakawea (except those areas posted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers near the intake and spillway structures) and the open fishing areas of Lake Audubon.
- Devils Lake and Stump Lake.
- Spiritwood Lake.

Legal underwater spear equipment is a rubber band powered or pneumatic powered spear gun with the spear attached to the gun with a lanyard not to exceed 20 feet. Underwater spears may be discharged only when the operator and equipment are entirely under the surface of the water.

Underwater spearfishing is illegal within 150 feet of any individuals engaged in fishing, designated swimming or water ski areas, boat docks or spillways.

The Diver's Down Flag must be displayed on a float or buoy during any underwater spearfishing. Underwater spearers must stay within 100 feet of the vertical position of their Diver's Down Flag. Individuals who underwater spearfish between sunset and sunrise must display a lighted Diver's Down Flag and must carry a hand-held light that is visible from a distance of 150 feet. The hand-held light must be displayed when the diver is at the surface.



## **E. Paddlefish Snagging**

Snagging of paddlefish is legal May 1 through May 31 for those with a valid paddlefish tag. Only paddlefish may be taken while snagging; all other species must immediately be returned to the water regardless of condition. The open area includes the Yellowstone River in North Dakota, and the Missouri River west of the U.S. Highway 85 bridge to the Montana border, excluding that portion from the pipeline crossing (river mile 1,577) downstream to the upper end of the Lewis and Clark WMA (river mile 1,565). Paddlefish snagging is legal only from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Central Time) during each day of the paddlefish snagging season. Select days are set aside for harvest, and release only.

All paddlefish snaggers must obtain and have in their possession a valid paddlefish tag, in addition to a fishing license and certificate that may be required. Only one tag per snagger will be issued and the tag is not transferable to another individual. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be voided and will not be replaced.

It is illegal for an individual to use fish snagging equipment in the paddlefish area if that individual does not possess his/her own unused paddlefish tag. Each paddlefish snagger must cast for, hook and reel in (retrieve) his/her own fish. The use of more than one snag hook per line is illegal. Snagging from a boat is illegal. It is illegal to gaff any species other than paddlefish, and paddlefish may only be gaffed on "snag and harvest days."

The sale, barter, trade or purchase of paddlefish eggs is legal only for one qualified and properly permitted paddlefish caviar operation.

All fish delivered to and/or processed fish transported away from the caviar operation must be done so by

either the individual who snagged the fish or an approved individual working for the permitted paddlefish caviar operation. Any fish left at the caviar operation after 10 p.m. the day they were caught will be considered abandoned and the snagger is subject to a fine.

All paddlefish snagged and tagged must be removed from the river by 9 p.m. of each snagging day.

Depending on the overall harvest, an “in-season” closure may occur, with a 24-hour notice issued by the Game and Fish director. If this occurs, there will be no refunds for unused tags. If there is an early closure, snag-and-release-only will still be allowed for a four-day period immediately following the harvest closure, but not to extend beyond May 31. Notice of an early closure and subsequent days set aside for snag-and-release-only will be issued by a special news release from the Department. Once a snagger harvests a paddlefish, they can no longer snag for paddlefish at any subsequent time during the current season (including snag-and-release-only and extended snag-and-release-only days).

***HARVEST-ONLY DAYS are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays***

On these days, all paddlefish caught must be tagged immediately with one’s own tag. Season creel limit is one paddlefish. The release of paddlefish after snagging is illegal. If a fish is cut up, the tag must accompany the dressed fish either by attachment to the bag containing the dressed fish or by placement within the bag. The snagger must keep that portion of the back and dorsal fin (back fin) necessary to maintain the tag sealed to the fish.

***SNAG-AND-RELEASE-ONLY DAYS are Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays***

If snaggers have in possession their own unused and current year’s paddlefish tag, they can snag but must release immediately any and all paddlefish snagged on each Sunday, Monday and Thursday throughout the open season. No harvest of any paddlefish is allowed during these days. There is no limit on the number of fish

that can be snagged during the day. The use or possession of a gaff on snag-and-release days is illegal.

### **EXTENDED SNAG-AND-RELEASE-ONLY DAYS**

If the harvest season closes early, snag-and-release will be allowed for up to four days immediately following the harvest closure, but not to extend beyond May 31.

If snaggers have in possession their own unused and current year's paddlefish tag, they can snag but must release immediately any and all paddlefish snagged during the extended season. Snag-and-release will be open only in that area of the Missouri River starting on the north shore from the Confluence boat ramp then east (downstream) one-half mile, and that area of the Missouri River starting on the south shore from the Confluence with the Yellowstone River then east (downstream) one-half mile. No harvest of any paddlefish will be allowed during these days and all snagged fish must be released immediately. There is no limit on the number of fish that can be snagged during the day. The use or possession of a gaff on snag-and-release days is illegal.

## **8. RED AND BOIS DE SIOUX RIVERS**

Individuals fishing the Red River and/or the Bois de Sioux River in a boat or on the ice who possess a valid fishing license from either North Dakota or Minnesota may fish the river(s) between the banks of the river separating North Dakota and Minnesota. Individuals fishing the Red River and/or the Bois de Sioux River on the shoreline must have a valid fishing license from the state in which they are fishing. Those individuals possessing the correct, valid license may transport caught fish by the most convenient and direct route to the state in which they are licensed. All anglers and boaters are required to comply with aquatic nuisance/invasive species and fish and bait transport regulations of the state they are in, except while on the water or ice, anglers must comply with the regulations of the state for which they are licensed. *(NOTE: this includes those who are not required to have a license).*

From the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers (as well as all waters east of ND Highway 1) – the daily and possession limit on catfish is five (including only one catfish that may exceed 24 inches) regardless of the number of state or provincial licenses purchased by the angler.

From the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries – the daily and possession limit for walleye, sauger, saugeye or combination is three. The daily and possession limit for northern pike is three.

## **9. AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES RULES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS**

Aquatic nuisance species are animals, plants and even diseases that are not native to North Dakota and have the likelihood to become well established if introduced. They can displace native plants and animals, and cause serious economic and ecological damage. North Dakota has adopted a number of rules designed to minimize the threat of ANS. They include:

1. All water must be drained from boats and other watercraft, including bilges, livewells and motors before leaving a water body. This regulation means that harvested fish, legal live baitfish and other aquatic baits may **not** be transported in a livewell containing water after leaving a water body. Transportation of fish in or on ice is allowed. Potable (drinking) water and a boat's sewage water are excluded from this regulation. Water used for in-state transportation of legal live bait is allowed, but only in bait buckets (containers) no larger than five gallons.
2. All aquatic vegetation must be removed from boats, personal watercraft, trailers and associated equipment such as fishing poles/lures before leaving a body of water. That means "vegetation free" when transporting watercraft and equipment including bait buckets away from a boat ramp, landing area or shoreline.
3. Live aquatic bait or aquatic vegetation may not be transported into North Dakota.

4. All water must be drained from watercraft prior to entering the state.

It is in North Dakota's best interest that anglers, boaters and hunters understand and comply with these important regulations.

The following questions and answers are intended to provide additional insight into this vital matter. All aquatic vegetation must be removed from boats, motors, trailers and equipment before leaving a lake or river.

***Why are ANS such a big deal?***

ANS can greatly degrade or ruin habitats and compete with native and/or desirable species for food and space. Not only can recreational fisheries suffer but so can industries and communities that rely on lakes or rivers for their water supply. Once established, the cost of controlling the ANS would far exceed the minimal costs required to keep from spreading it into or within North Dakota.

***Can ANS spread be stopped?***

If precautions are taken and everyone follows them, the spread can be controlled. But it requires everyone's participation.

***How do I make sure I'm doing the right thing?***

To comply with the regulations, you simply need to remove all aquatic vegetation from your boat, trailer, bait bucket, etc., when you leave the water body. You need to drain all water from your boat at the ramp site before you leave the water body. Also, remember you cannot dump bait into a water body.

***Do I have to run my motor dry also before I leave a lake?***

No. As you exit a lake, lower the motor to let gravity drain the lower unit, then raise to transport. The intake screen should also be inspected and free of aquatic vegetation.

***Can I drain water from my boat anywhere?***

No, you must drain the water (pull all plugs, etc.) back

into the water from which it originated. This must be done at the access site before you leave.

***What if I observe boats, trailers, jet skis, etc., that have weeds hanging from them away from a lake?***

The best thing you can do is spread the word on the risk of ANS. If the boat owner/operator is present and willing, ask that they clean the boat and trailer. If the owner/operator is not cooperative call the RAP line.

***Do I need to dispose of the weeds in a trash container or can they be left on the ground/parking lot?***

Dispose of weeds back into the water from which they originated, to keep parking lots and access areas clean.

***As a resident who lives on the North Dakota border, and the nearest bait vendor is across the border in another state, can I cross the state line to purchase bait and import it back into North Dakota?***

No. Aquatic bait, including fathead minnows and leeches, may not be imported into North Dakota.

***What else can I do to help prevent the spread of ANS?***

You can disinfect your boat by adding hot water (120° F or warmer) to the livewell along with enough household chlorine bleach to reach a solution of 1 part bleach to 20 parts water. Run the recirculation pumps and use a brush (a toilet brush works well) to scrub under the lid and in the corners. Drain the solution in an appropriate location, not into the lake. Air drying can also be effective in preventing ANS transfer. The livewell, bilge and equipment must be allowed to completely dry, which may take a few days for the bilge. However, some ANS produce hardy seeds and eggs which can withstand extended periods out of the water; in these cases, air drying is not the answer. Power-washing can remove lake scum and unseen hitchhikers, such as small plant fragments or egg masses, from hard-to-reach places such as trailer frames and livewells. Use a commercial car wash that runs water through a sewage treatment system. If done at home, be careful that the wash water



does not run down the street and into the storm sewer that empties into the local river or lake.

## **10. FISHING CONTESTS**

No individual or entity may conduct a fishing contest on any public waters without first obtaining a permit issued by the Game and Fish director.

## **11. COMMERCIAL FISHING**

Noncontract type commercial fishing with use of seines, hoop nets and set lines may be allowed by special license in certain waters at certain times.

Contact the Department for licensing information and regulations.

## **12. COMMERCIAL TAKE OF TURTLES CLOSED**

Turtles may not be taken commercially in North Dakota due to population concerns.

## **13. CLAM SEASON CLOSED**

The season on clams (freshwater mussels) remains closed in North Dakota due to continued concern over the impacts commercial harvest may have on clam populations.

## **14. FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY**

The North Dakota Department of Health has issued advisories for the consumption of fish from certain North Dakota lakes and rivers. These fish contain levels of mercury which may be harmful to certain segments of the population if they are eaten too often.

Information listing current consumption advice is available from the North Dakota Department of Health (Division of Water Quality) website at: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/wq/>, or by calling 701-328-5210.

## 15. BOAT MOTOR RESTRICTIONS

Please check for signs at access points or call the Game and Fish Department. "Idle speed only" is defined as operating a boat at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage (i.e., trolling – with no wake).

**Electric Motors Only:** (Note: Boats may be propelled manually or with an electric motor. No combustion motor may be operated on these waters.) Casselton Reservoir, Davis Dam, Dickinson Dike, Heinrich-Martin Dam, J. Clark Salyer, Kettle Lake, Larimore Dam, Leland Dam, Lightning Lake, McDowell Dam, Mooreton Pond, Rudolph Lake, Sather Dam, Spring Lake Park Ponds, Strawberry Lake (Turtle Mountains).

**Idle Speed Only:** Arroda Lakes, Lake Audubon (north arm), Baukol-Noonan Dam, Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond, Belfield Pond, Boundary Lake, Brewer Lake, Camels Hump Lake, Carbury Dam, Clausen Springs Lake, Coal Mine Lake, Crown Butte, Dion Lake, Epping-Springbrook Dam, Fish Creek Dam, Fordville Dam, Gravel Lake, Harmon Lake, Harmony Lake, Heart Butte (Lake Tschida) designated areas only, Hooker Lake, Lake Ilo, Indian Creek Dam, Jensen Lake, Kota-Ray Dam, Kraft Slough, McClusky Canal proper, McGregor Dam, Mirror Lake, North Golden Lake, Pelican Lake, Raleigh Reservoir, Sheep Creek Dam, South Carlson Lake, Sweet Briar Lake, and along the Missouri River at the mouths of the Heart River, Lakewood, Marina Bay, Misty Waters and Square Butte Creek.

**25 Horsepower Maximum:** Arrowwood, Jim Lake and Long Lake national wildlife refuges.

## 16. BOATING REGULATIONS

**Closed to fishing from boats:** On the Bald Hill Creek, an area from the Wesley Acres Bridge downstream a distance of 1/2 mile. This area is closed to boat fishing from April 1 through May 24 of each fishing year.

Where signed at Devils Lake, boats used for fishing may not obstruct normal boat traffic underneath bridges.

See pages 14-15 for federal refuge boating closures.

- An owner of any watercraft propelled by a motor must register that vessel with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, or the state in which he/she resides.
- If your address changes, boat ownership changes, boat is destroyed, abandoned, stolen or recovered – you are required to notify the Department within 15 days.
- The certificate of number is not transferable. Anyone purchasing a boat must register the boat in his/her name.
- The Department can issue a new certificate of number to replace one that is lost. The cost is the same as for a new one.
- No person under 12 years of age may operate a motorboat (includes personal watercraft, jetskis, etc.) propelled by a motor of more than 10 horsepower unless the operator is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.
- No person 12 through 15 years of age may operate a motorboat or personal watercraft propelled by a motor of more than 10 horsepower unless the operator is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older, or the operator has taken and passed a Department approved boating course.
- All boats must have a Coast Guard approved life preserver for each occupant, and those boats over 16 feet in length must also have an approved throwable life preserver. Boat occupants age 10 and under must wear their life preserver.
- No person may operate any vessel in a reckless or negligent manner such as:
  - Endangering the life or property of another.
  - Use of excessive speed during periods of reduced visibility or while in close proximity to other vessels.

- Operating in overloaded condition.
  - Operating within swimming areas designated by markers or by the presence of swimmers.
  - Operating near dams and other hazardous waters.
  - Operating in such a manner as to cause a dangerous or damaging wake.
  - Operation in such a manner as to molest or annoy a person lawfully engaged in fishing.
- No person may operate a motorboat (includes personal watercraft) within 100 feet of a person fishing from a shoreline, a swimmer, swimming/diving raft, or an occupied, anchored or nonmotorized vessel, or within 250 feet of a reduced speed or slow or no-wake sign at greater than slow or no-wake speed.
  - No person may operate any motorboat or vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug, barbiturate or marijuana.
  - No person may operate or permit operation of a personal watercraft (jetskis, etc.) without each person on board wearing an approved life preserver.
  - All boats operating between sunset and sunrise must display legal lights.
  - The owner/operator of a vessel is required to file a report in writing whenever an accident results in loss of life or disappearance from a vessel, an injury which requires medical treatment beyond first aid, or property damage is in excess of \$2,000 or complete loss of the vessel.
  - Reports in death and injury cases must be submitted within 48 hours.
  - Reports in other cases must be submitted within five days.

For more information on boating regulations and safety, contact the Game and Fish Department.

## 17. WHOPPER/CATCH AND RELEASE CLUB REQUIREMENTS

### Whopper Club

Only species listed and meeting minimum weight requirements will qualify for a patch and certificate. Only one application may be made for each species in a lifetime. Anglers receive a patch for the first whopper of a species, an Expert patch for a whopper of another species, and a Master patch for a whopper of a third species. After that only certificates will be awarded for whoppers of additional species.

An application card must be filled out, giving weight and length of fish, date and where caught, signature of applicant, and signature of person weighing the fish.

All fish entered must have been harvested by legal methods as described in the North Dakota fishing guide and come from North Dakota waters open to public fishing. Entries must be weighed on a scale used in trade.

### Catch and Release Club

Eighteen species of fish qualify for the Catch and Release Club. Entries must meet minimum length requirements and be released unharmed back to the water. Another angler must witness and verify the measurement and release.

Anglers will receive an official membership certificate and a choice of jacket patch or boat decal. A maximum of five entries per year per species will be recognized.



## Whopper and Catch and Release Minimums

| Species | Minimum Whopper Club | Minimum Catch and Release Club |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------|

### GAME FISH

|                    |                                    |           |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Northern Pike      | 20 lbs.                            | 32 inches |
| Walleye*           | 8 lbs                              | 25 inches |
| Saugeye            | 8 lbs.                             | 25 inches |
| Sauger             | 4 lbs.                             | 20 inches |
| Yellow Perch       | 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> lbs. | 13 inches |
| Bluegill           | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs. | 11 inches |
| Crappie            | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lbs. | 13 inches |
| White Bass         | 3 lbs.                             | 16 inches |
| Largemouth Bass    | 5 lbs.                             | 18 inches |
| Smallmouth Bass    | 3 lbs.                             | 16 inches |
| Tiger Muskie       | 25 lbs.                            | 40 inches |
| Muskellunge (Pure) | 25 lbs.                            | 40 inches |
| Channel Catfish    | 12 lbs.                            | 30 inches |
| Ling               | 8 lbs.                             | 28 inches |
| Rainbow Trout      | 5 lbs.                             | 21 inches |
| Brown Trout        | 5 lbs.                             | 21 inches |
| Cutthroat Trout    | 5 lbs.                             | 21 inches |
| Lake Trout         | 5 lbs.                             | 24 inches |
| Chinook Salmon     | 12 lbs.                            |           |
| Paddlefish         | 70 lbs.                            |           |

*\*This includes zander in Spiritwood Lake.*

### NONGAME FISH

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Whitefish | 4 lbs.                             |
| Cisco     | 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> lbs. |
| Bullhead  | 2 lbs.                             |
| Drum      | 6 lbs.                             |
| Buffalo   | 15 lbs.                            |
| Carp      | 15 lbs.                            |
| Goldeye   | 2 lbs.                             |

## 18. NORTH DAKOTA STATE RECORD FISH REQUIREMENTS

1. All recognized fish must be harvested by legal methods for recreational fishing and come from North Dakota waters that are open for public fishing.
2. All new state record fish must be weighed on a scale used commercially and subject to certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.  
All weights must be rounded to the nearest ounce.
3. The fish must be visually verified by an employee of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
4. Angler must thoroughly complete and submit to the Department a Whopper card application or a hand-written or typed note with all similar information.
5. A recognizable photo of the fish must be furnished to the Department.
6. A fin sample may be required and collected for some species for genetic analysis.



### First Fish Award

*A FIRST FISH certificate is a great way to preserve a memory for a young angler. These colorful awards have space for photos and details of the memorable day. FIRST FISH certificates are available free by calling the Game and Fish Department at 701-328-6300; email at [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov); or writing 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501.*

## North Dakota Record Fish

| Species | Weight | Where | When |
|---------|--------|-------|------|
|---------|--------|-------|------|

### GAME FISH

|                 |                |                      |      |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|------|
| Northern Pike   | 37 lbs. 8 oz.  | Lake Sakakawea       | 1968 |
| Walleye         | 15 lbs. 12 oz. | Wood Lake            | 1959 |
| Saugeye         | 12 lbs. 0 oz.  | Yellowstone River    | 2013 |
| Sauger          | 8 lbs. 12 oz.  | Lake Sakakawea       | 1971 |
| Yellow Perch    | 2 lbs. 15 oz.  | Devils Lake          | 1982 |
| Bluegill        | 2 lbs. 12 oz.  | Strawberry Lake      | 1963 |
| Crappie         | 3 lbs. 4 oz.   | Lake Oahe            | 1998 |
| Crappie         | 3 lbs. 4 oz.   | Jamestown Reservoir  | 2013 |
| White Bass      | 4 lbs. 10 oz.  | Devils Lake          | 2012 |
| Largemouth Bass | 8 lbs. 8 oz.   | Nelson Lake          | 1983 |
| Smallmouth Bass | 6 lbs. 13 oz.  | Lake Darling         | 2007 |
| Tiger Muskie    | 40 lbs.        | Gravel Lake          | 1975 |
| Muskellunge     | 46 lbs. 8 oz.  | New Johns Lake       | 2007 |
| Channel Catfish | 42 lbs. 1 oz.  | Moon Lake            | 2009 |
| Ling            | 18 lbs. 4 oz.  | Knife River          | 1984 |
| Rainbow Trout   | 21 lbs. 4 oz.  | Garrison Tailrace    | 1998 |
| Brown Trout     | 31 lbs. 11 oz. | Garrison Tailrace    | 2005 |
| Cutthroat Trout | 10 lbs. 1 oz.  | Garrison Tailrace    | 2003 |
| Lake Trout      | 16 lbs. 6 oz.  | Garrison Tailrace    | 2012 |
| Chinook Salmon  | 31 lbs. 2 oz.  | Garrison Tailrace    | 1986 |
| Paddlefish*     | 130 lbs.       | Upper Missouri River | 2010 |

### NONGAME FISH

|           |               |                      |      |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|------|
| Whitefish | 8 lbs. 11 oz. | Garrison Tailrace    | 1984 |
| Cisco     | 2 lbs. 8 oz.  | Garrison Tailrace    | 2000 |
| Bullhead  | 4 lbs. 1 oz.  | Devils Lake          | 1988 |
| Drum      | 26 lbs. 2 oz. | Lake Sakakawea       | 1988 |
| Buffalo   | 54 lbs.       | Heart Butte Tailrace | 2011 |
| Carp      | 31 lbs.       | Sheyenne River       | 2003 |
| Goldeye   | 3 lbs. 13 oz. | New Johns Lake       | 1998 |

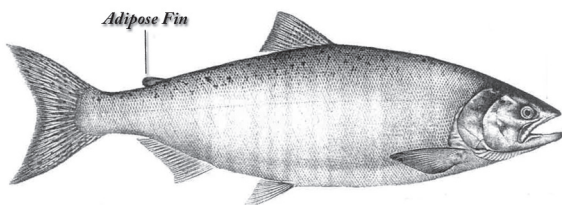
Method of take is by **hook and line fishing** unless – marked with \* which indicates paddlefish snagging.



## 19. REPORTING TAGGED FISH

Anglers can help fisheries managers by reporting information from any tagged fish they catch.

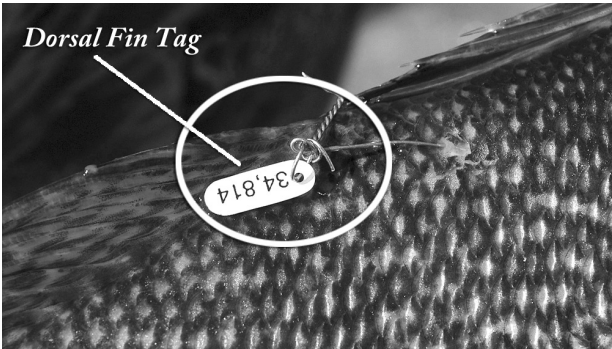
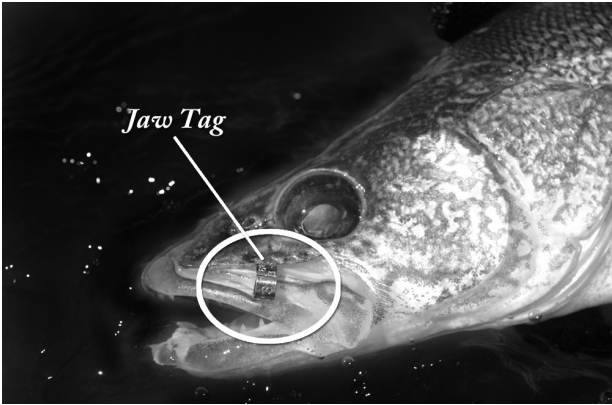
Most tagged fish in North Dakota, except salmon, will have either a small metal tag attached near the dorsal fin, or a metal tag on their jaw bone (see right). Tagged salmon have their adipose fin removed and also have a microscopic coded wire tag embedded in their head. If you catch a salmon that's missing its adipose fin, you can drop off the entire head at Game and Fish offices or at bait shops in Riverdale and Pick City.



***Chinook Salmon***

Please treat tagged fish like any other fish – you are not required to release the fish (except where a harvest regulation requires you to do so) or to keep the fish. If you release the fish, do not remove the tag, but do record the information from the tag to report it later. Important information to report includes species, length (inches), when and where the fish was caught, and the tag number/color. Anglers who include their name and address will receive a brief history of the fish they caught from the local fisheries biologist.

There are various means to report a tagged fish. Some tags include a phone number that you can call to report a tag. Other options include a tag reporting page on the Department's website, sending in a tag reporting card, or simply calling any Department office to report the information over the phone.



| Sample of Required Tag Reporting Information |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Kept Fish <input type="checkbox"/>           | Released Fish <input type="checkbox"/> | Released Fish, but Removed Tag <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Species:                                     |  | Date Caught:  |
| Water Body/Location:                         |  |   |
| Tag Number/Tag Color:                        |  | State:  |

## 20. DEVILS LAKE SYSTEM BOATING ACCESS

Following is a list of boating access sites in the Devils Lake Basin (Lake Irvine, Devils Lake and Stump Lake) in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and rest-rooms unless otherwise noted. Check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website ([gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov)) for updated access information or contact the appropriate managing authority (found in parenthesis at the end of each listing) for boating access status.

**1. PELICAN LAKE BAY** – 15 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. (Paved access road, trash receptacles – ND Game and Fish Dept.).

**2. ROUND LAKE BAY** – 3 miles south of Minnewaukan on U.S. Highway 281. (Paved access road, trash receptacles – Minnewaukan Community Club).

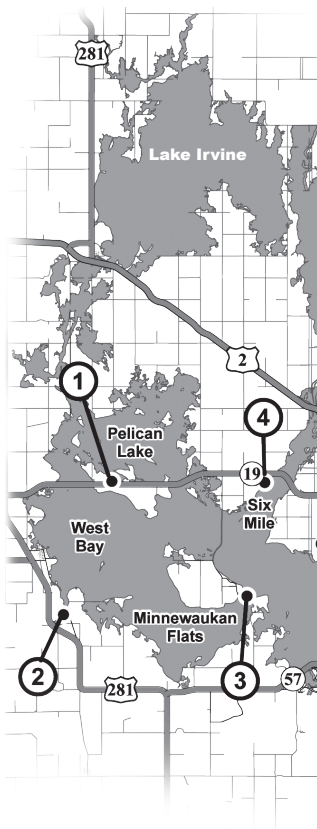
**3. GRAHAMS ISLAND STATE PARK** – 10 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then 6 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation).

**4. SCHWAB LANDING** – 7 miles west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – ND Game and Fish Dept.).

**5. HENEGAR LANDING** – 1 mile west of Devils Lake on ND Highway 19, then .75 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles – Ramsey County Park Board).

**6. CREEL BAY** – 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20, then 2 miles west and .25 miles north. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Ramsey County Park Board).

**7. SPIRIT LAKE CASINO** – 6 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20/57. (Paved access road,



fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Spirit Lake Casino).

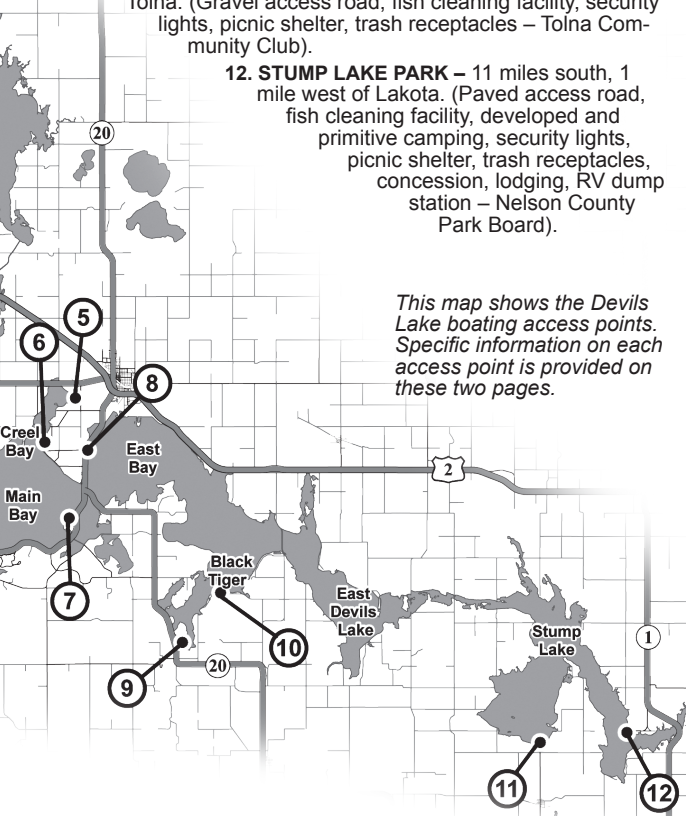
**8. EAST BAY** – 3 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. (Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – ND Game and Fish Dept.).

**9. ESTENSON LANDING** – 15 miles south of Devils Lake on ND Highway 20. (Paved access road, no restrooms, trash receptacles – ND Game and Fish Dept.).

**10. BLACK TIGER BAY** – 7.5 miles east of Devils Lake on U.S. Highway 2, then 6 miles south, 3 miles west. New access road under construction – should be completed summer 2014. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks, concession – ND Parks and Recreation).

**11. TOLNA LANDING (STUMP LAKE)** – 3 miles north of Tolna. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Tolna Community Club).

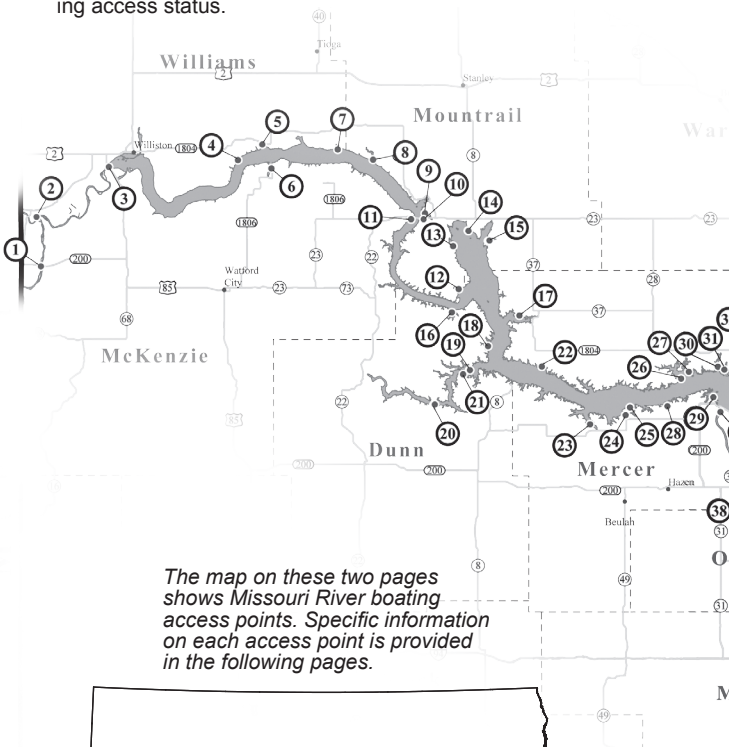
**12. STUMP LAKE PARK** – 11 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – Nelson County Park Board).



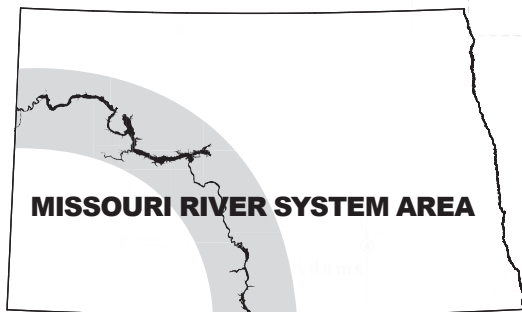
*This map shows the Devils Lake boating access points. Specific information on each access point is provided on these two pages.*

## 21. MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM BOATING ACCESS

Following is a list of boating access sites on the Missouri River System in North Dakota. All sites have a boat ramp, courtesy dock and restrooms unless otherwise noted. Check the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website ([gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov)) for updated access information or contact the appropriate managing authority (found in parenthesis at the end of each listing) for boating access status.



*The map on these two pages shows Missouri River boating access points. Specific information on each access point is provided in the following pages.*



**1. SUNDHEIM PARK** – 2 miles west of Cartwright on ND Highway 200, on west side of Yellowstone River and south side of ND Highway 200. (Paved access road, no courtesy docks, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – McKenzie County Park Board).

**2. CONFLUENCE AREA** – 1.5 miles south of Buford on ND Highway 1804. (Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Williams County WRD).

**3. LEWIS AND CLARK BRIDGE** – 4 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2, 3 miles south on U.S. Highway 85, on south side of Missouri River, and east side of U.S. Highway 85. (Paved access road, security lights, picnic shelter – ND Game and Fish Dept.).

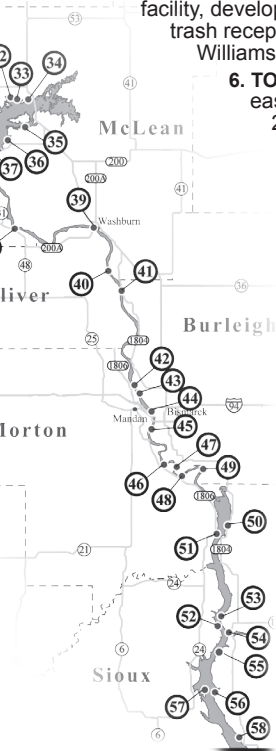
**4. LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK** – 16 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation).

**5. WHITETAIL BAY (LUND'S LANDING)** – 22 miles east of Williston on ND Highway 1804. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental – Williams County Park Board).

**6. TOBACCO GARDEN CREEK BAY** – 2 miles east of Watford City on ND Highway 23, then 25 miles north and east on ND Highway 1806. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, RV dump station – McKenzie County Park Board).

**7. LITTLE BEAVER BAY** – 32 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Williams County Park Board).

**8. WHITE EARTH BAY** – 28 miles northwest of New Town on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south, 3 miles east. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board).



- 9. SANISH BAY (AFTEM)** – 1 mile north, 2 miles west of New Town. (Gravel access road, no restrooms – New Town Park Board/Aftem Development).
- 10. NEW TOWN MARINA** – 2 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – New Town Marina Association).
- 11. FOUR BEARS** – 4 miles west of New Town on ND Highway 23. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Three Affiliated Tribes).
- 12. POUCH POINT** – 7 miles south, 2 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 3 miles south of New Town. (Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – Three Affiliated Tribes).
- 13. LITTLEFIELD BAY** – 5 miles south, 2 miles east of New Town. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – ND Game and Fish Dept.).
- 14. VAN HOOK** – 5 miles east of New Town on ND Highway 23, then 2 miles south. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board).
- 15. PARSHALL BAY** – 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 3 miles west, 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Parshall. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Mountrail County Park Board).
- 16. SKUNK BAY** – 14 miles northeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, developed and primitive camping, concession, lodging – Three Affiliated Tribes/Roads Maker, Inc.).
- 17. DEEP WATER CREEK BAY** – 14 miles south of Parshall on ND Highway 37, then either 1 mile south to the Corps ramp or 2.5 miles west and .5 miles south to the county ramp. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Eng/McLean County Park Board).
- 18. HALE MARINA** – 18 miles southeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – Three Affiliated Tribes).
- 19. MCKENZIE BAY** – 22 miles southeast of Mandaree. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Watford City Park Board).
- 20. LITTLE MISSOURI BAY** – 16 miles northeast of Dunn Center. (Gravel access road, security lights – Dunn County Park Board).
- 21. CHARGING EAGLE BAY** – 12 miles north of Halliday on ND Highway 8, then 10 miles west on BIA No. 22. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, trash receptacles – Three Affiliated Tribes).

- 22. INDIAN HILLS RESORT** – 11 miles west of White Shield on ND Highway 1804, then 3 miles south. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Rec./ Three Affiliated Tribes).
- 23. BEAVER CREEK BAY** – 12 miles north of Zap. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Zap City Park Board).
- 24. DAKOTA WATERS RESORT** – 15 miles north of Beulah. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, telephone, RV dump station – Dakota Waters Resort).
- 25. BEULAH BAY** – 17 miles north of Beulah. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Beulah City Park Board).
- 26. DOUGLAS CREEK BAY** – 5 miles south, 4 miles east of Emmet to Corps ramp or 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Emmet to county ramp. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Eng/McLean County Park Board).
- 27. CAMP OF THE CROSS** – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison (Gravel access road, no restrooms – Camp of the Cross).
- 28. HAZEN BAY** – 14 miles north of Hazen. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Hazen City Park Board).
- 29. LAKE SAKAKAWEA STATE PARK** – Just east and north of Pick City. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation).
- 30. GARRISON CREEK** – 2 miles west of Garrison on ND Highway 37, 3 miles south, 1 mile east. (Gravel access road, no restrooms – Garrison Cabin Association).
- 31. FORT STEVENSON STATE PARK** – 3 miles south of Garrison. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, lodging, boat rental, access fee, telephone, RV dump station – ND Parks and Recreation).
- 32. STEINKE BAY** – 3 miles west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south. (Gravel access road, primitive camping – ND Game and Fish Dept.).
- 33. SPORTSMENS CENTENNIAL PARK** – 1 mile west of the junction of ND Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 83, then 2 miles south, 1 mile west. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone – McLean County Park Board).
- 34. WEST TOTTEN TRAIL** – 7 miles north of Coleharbor on U.S. Highway 83, then .5 miles west, or 2 miles south of the junction



of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 37, then .5 miles west. (Gravel access road – McLean County Park Board).

**35. WOLF CREEK** – 1 mile east of Riverdale on ND Highway 200, then 2 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

**36. GOVERNMENT BAY** – Just north of Riverdale. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

**37. GARRISON DAM TAILRACE** – Directly below Garrison Dam. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

**38. UPA SITE (STANTON)** – Just west of UPA Power Plant on ND Highway 200A near Stanton. (Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – City of Stanton).

**39. WASHBURN** – On the east side of the Missouri River near Washburn, north of ND Highway 200A bridge. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles, RV dump station – Washburn City Park Board).

**40. SANGER (CROSS RANCH)** – Just east of Sanger townsite on west side of Missouri River. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – ND Parks and Recreation).

**41. STECKEL BOAT LANDING (WILTON)** – 22 miles north of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, or 5.5 miles west, 1 mile south, and 1.5 miles west of junction of U.S. Highway 83 and ND Highway 36. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board).

**42. HOGE LANDING** – On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 6.4 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then .7 miles west and 1.5 miles south/southwest. (Gravel access road, no courtesy docks, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation).

**43. KNIEFEL LANDING** – On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, 3 miles north of I-94 bridge on River Road, then 1 mile west. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession – Burleigh County Park Board).

**44. GRANT MARSH BRIDGE** – On east side of the Missouri River near Bismarck, south side of the I-94 bridge on River Road. (Paved access road, security lights, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation).

**45. FOX ISLAND PARK** – From Washington Street, .75 miles west on Riverwood Drive (1 block south of Expressway), 1.5 miles south and .5 miles west. Heavy pleasure boat use in summer. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, security lights, trash receptacles – Bismarck Parks and Recreation).

**46. LITTLE HEART BOTTOMS (SCHMIDT)** – 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile north. (Paved access road, trash receptacles – Morton County Park Board).

- 47. KIMBALL BOTTOMS (DESERT)** – 8 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board).
- 48. GRANER BOTTOMS (SUGAR LOAF)** – 19 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then 1 mile east, or about 3 miles north of Huff. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, RV dump station – Morton County Park Board).
- 49. MACLEAN BOTTOMS (GUN RANGE)** – 14 miles south of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804, then 2 miles south. (Paved access road, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Burleigh County Park Board).
- 50. HAZELTON** – 31 miles southeast of Bismarck on ND Highway 1804 or 13 miles west and 2 miles north of Hazelton. Campground located just south of boat ramp. (Paved access road, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- 51. FORT RICE** – 28 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806, then .5 miles east. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Morton County Park Board).
- 52. PRAIRIE KNIGHTS MARINA** – 10 miles south of the Cannonball River on ND Highway 1806, then 3.5 miles east. (Gravel access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, lodging, telephone, RV dump station – Prairie Knights Casino).
- 53. NORTH BEAVER BAY** – 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 3 miles west, and 1 mile north. (Gravel access road, no restrooms – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- 54. BEAVER BAY** – 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 2 miles south on ND Highway 1804. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, developed and primitive camping, security lights, picnic shelter, trash receptacles, concession, telephone, RV dump station – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- 55. JENNERVILLE (RIVERY)** – 13 miles west of Linton on ND Highway 13, then 6.5 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and 3.5 miles west at Rivery turnoff. (Gravel access road, no restrooms, no courtesy docks – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- 56. CATTAIL BAY (WINONA)** – 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 1 mile north on ND Highway 1804, 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west. (Gravel access road, primitive camping, trash receptacles, concession – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).
- 57. FORT YATES** – North edge of Fort Yates. (Paved access road, primitive camping, picnic shelter, trash receptacles – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe).
- 58. LANGELIERS BAY** – 10 miles west of Strasburg, 1 mile south, 7 miles west, then 11 miles south on ND Highway 1804, and .75 miles west. (Paved access road, fish cleaning facility, primitive camping, security lights, trash receptacles – Emmons County Park Board).

## 22. NORTH DAKOTA FISHING WATERS (not including Devils Lake and the Missouri River System)

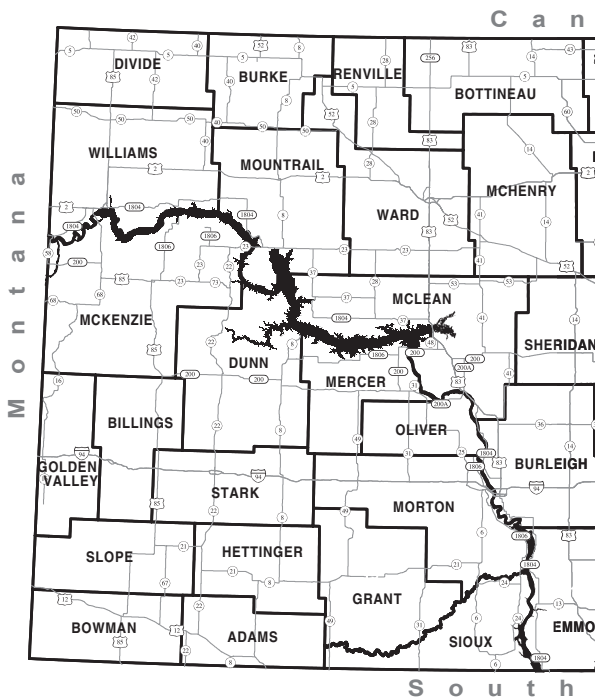
The following includes most of the public fishing waters in North Dakota, listed alphabetically by county. If unsure of the location of a county, refer to the map on pages 50–51. Each lake listed includes travel directions, most common species present, and fishing piers (listed if present). Most North Dakota public fishing waters have a boat ramp (concrete and/or metal). If a boat ramp is lacking at a specific water body, it is listed as “no ramp.” For the most up to date list see <http://gf.nd.gov/fishing/fishing-waters>.

### Rivers and Lakes

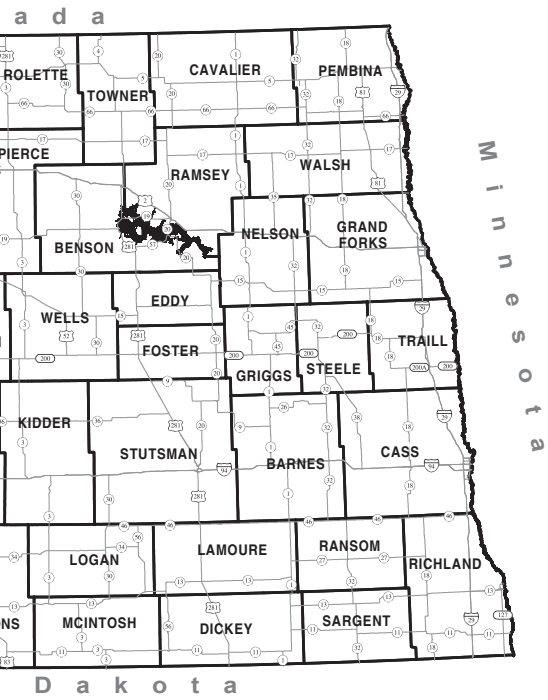
**Bois de Sioux River** – Southeast corner of state in Richland County (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).

**Cannonball River** – In Slope, Hettinger, Grant and Sioux counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).

**Heart River** – In Stark, Grant and Morton counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).



- James River** – Southeastern part of the state (pike, walleye).
- Knife River** – In Dunn and Mercer counties (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).
- Little Missouri River** – Southwestern part of state (sauger, catfish – no ramp).
- McClusky Canal** – Central part of state in McLean, Burleigh and Sheridan counties (walleye, smallmouth bass, perch – no ramp).
- Red River** – Eastern edge of state (pike, walleye, catfish – fishing pier).
- Sheyenne River** – Southeastern part of state (catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).
- Souris River (Mouse River)** – North central part of state (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).
- Turtle River** – In Grand Forks County (pike, catfish, trout – no ramp).
- Wild Rice River** – Southeastern part of state (pike, walleye, catfish – no ramp).



## **Adams County**

**Bolke Dam** – 5 miles east, .5 miles north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota (trout – no ramp).

**Mirror Lake** – South side of Hettinger (pike, bluegill, catfish – fishing pier).

**North Lemmon** – 5 miles north of Lemmon, South Dakota (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

## **Barnes County**

**Blumers Pond** – 1 mile south of Valley City (trout – no ramp).

**Clausen Springs** – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of the junction of ND highways 46 and 1 (perch, largemouth bass, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Clauson Lake** – .5 miles south, 3.5 miles west of Nome (perch – no ramp).

**Eckelson Lake North** – 2 miles east of Eckelson (perch – no ramp).

**Eckelson Lake South** – 4 miles south, 1.5 miles east of Eckelson (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Fox Lake** – 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Eckelson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Hatchery Kids Pond** – 2 miles northwest of Valley City (trout – no ramp).

**Hobart Lake North** – 6 miles west of Valley City (perch – no ramp).

**Hobart Lake South** – 6 miles west of Valley City (perch – no ramp).

**Island Lake** – 3 miles south, .5 miles east of Urbana (walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Kee Lake** – 7 miles south, 2 miles east of Eckelson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Lake Ashtabula** – 10 miles north of Valley City (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Meadow Lake** – 6 miles west, 6 miles north of Litchville (perch – no ramp).

**Middle Eckelson** – 2 miles east of Eckelson (pike – no ramp).

**Moon Lake** – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 2 miles north of Valley City (perch, smallmouth bass, walleye).

**Olson WPA** – 1.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Sanborn (perch – no ramp).

**Sanborn Lake** – 2 miles east of Sanborn (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Sanborn WPA** – .5 miles east of Sanborn (perch – no ramp).

**St. Mary's Lake** – 2 miles west, 5.5 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Valley City (perch, walleye – no ramp).

## **Benson County**

**Fort Totten Dam** – .5 miles east of Fort Totten (trout – no ramp).

**Gravel Pit Lake** – 4.5 miles west of Fort Totten (black crappie – no ramp).

**Mission Lake** – 5 miles south, 1.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Devils Lake (walleye, perch, pike – no ramp).

**Silver Lake** – 1 mile west, 6 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile north of Churchs Ferry (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Wood Lake** – 2 miles west, 1 mile south of Tokio (pike, walleye, perch).

## **Bottineau County**

**Boundary Lake** – 9 miles north, 11 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Bottineau (perch – no ramp).

**Carbury Dam** – 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Carbury (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Lake Metigoshe** – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bottineau (bluegill, pike, walleye – fishing pier).

**Long Lake** – 8 miles north, 7 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south, .3 miles east of Bottineau (pike, walleye, perch).

**Loon Lake** – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles east, .5 miles north of Bottineau (perch – no ramp).

**Pelican Lake** – 9 miles north, 8 miles east, .5 miles southwest of Bottineau (pike, perch).

**Strawberry Lake** – 4 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles south of Carbury (trout – fishing pier).

**Thompson Lake** – 9 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Bottineau. (perch – no ramp).

## **Bowman County**

**Bowman-Haley Dam** – 11 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles south of Bowman (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**Gascoyne Lake** – 1.5 miles northwest of Gascoyne (pike).

**Kalina Dam** – 2 miles west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Bowman (pike, perch, bluegill – no ramp).

**Lutz Dam** – 2.5 miles south, 2 miles west of Griffin (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

**Spring Lake** – 1 mile south, 4 miles west of Rhame (perch).

## **Burke County**

**Northgate Dam** – 6 miles north, 1 mile west, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Bowbells (walleye, bluegill, trout – fishing pier).

**Powers Lake** – Southeast side of Powers Lake (pike – fishing pier).

**Short Creek Dam** – 5.5 miles north of Columbus (walleye, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Smishek Lake** – 4 miles northwest of Powers Lake (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

## **Burleigh County**

**Apple Creek** – South central part of state in Burleigh County (pike, walleye, crappie – no ramp).

**Cottonwood Park Pond** – On the west side of Cottonwood soccer complex in south Bismarck (trout, pike – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Crimmins WPA** – 3 miles west, 11 miles north, .5 miles east of Wing (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Lake Harriet (Arena Lake)** – 8 miles west, 1 mile south of Tuttle (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Long Lake** – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles east of Moffit (pike, perch – no ramp, fishing pier).

**McDowell Dam** – 4 miles east, 1 mile north of Bismarck on ND Highway 10 (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**New Johns Lake** – 11.8 miles south, 3 miles east of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**OWLS Pond** – Just west of Bismarck Game and Fish office (trout, perch, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

## **Cass County**

**Brewer Lake** – 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Erie (bluegill, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**Casselton Reservoir** – Just west of Casselton (pike, crappie, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Lindemann Lake** – 2 miles east, 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Enderlin (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**North Woodhaven Pond** – 2.25 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348 (trout, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

**South Woodhaven Pond** – 3.5 miles south, .25 miles east of I-94 Exit 348 (perch – no ramp, fishing pier).

## **Cavalier County**

**Langdon City Pond** – South side of Langdon (trout – fishing pier).

**Mount Carmel Dam** – 9 miles north, 2 miles east, 2 miles north of Langdon (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Dickey County**

**Heinrich Lake** – 18.5 miles east, 1 mile south of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

**Moore Lake** – 18.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Ellendale (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Pheasant Lake** – 6 miles west of Ellendale (walleye, bluegill, perch – fishing pier).

**Wilson Dam** – 7 miles west of Monango (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

## **Divide County**

**Baukol-Noonan Dam** – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Baukol-Noonan East Mine Pond** – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Noonan (trout, bluegill, perch).

**Skjermo Lake** – 3 miles west, 4 miles northwest of Fortuna (pike, perch – fishing pier).

## **Dunn County**

**Dvorak Dam** – 3.5 miles south, 5 miles east, .5 miles north of Manning (perch – no ramp).

**Lake Ilo** – 1 mile west, 1 mile south of Dunn Center (pike, perch – fishing pier).

## **Eddy County**

**Adams Lake** – 10 miles south of Warwick (perch – no ramp).

**Battle Lake** – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Hamar (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Lake Coe** – 10 miles south of Warwick on east side of Eddy County Road 8 (perch, walleye).

**New Rockford Reservoir** – North side of New Rockford (pike, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Warsing Dam** – 1 mile northeast of Sheyenne (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Emmons County**

**Baumgartner Lake** – 6 miles south of Linton (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Braddock Dam** – 2 miles southwest of Braddock (pike, bluegill, perch).

**Goose Lake** – 3 miles east of Braddock (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Jake's Lake** – 13 miles south, 1 mile east of Strasburg (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Rice Lake** – 8 miles south of Strasburg (pike, perch, walleye).

**Senger Lake** – 1 mile north, 6 miles east of Strasburg (perch – no ramp).

## **Foster County**

**Dry Lake** – 7 miles east, 5 miles south, 2 miles east of Carington (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Juanita Lake** – 2 miles east of Grace City (pike, perch – fishing pier).

## **Golden Valley County**

**Beach City Pond** – Southwest side of Beach (trout – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Camels Hump Lake** – Northeast of Sentinel Butte I-94 Exit 10 (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass).

**Odland Dam** – 7 miles north of Beach (perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Williams Creek Dam** – 7 miles south, 5 miles east, 2 miles south of Golva (bluegill – no ramp).

## **Grand Forks County**

**Fordville Dam** – 5 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west, .5 miles north of Inkster (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Kolding Dam** – 5 miles southeast, 1 mile south of Niagara on U.S. Highway 2 (pike).

**Larimore Dam** – 2 miles northeast of Larimore (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).



**Niagara Dam** – North of Niagara (pike).

**Ryan Park Pond** – South side of Grand Forks (trout – no ramp, fishing pier).

## **Grant County**

**Heart Butte Reservoir (Lake Tschida)** – 15 miles south of Glen Ullin (walleye, perch, white bass – fishing pier).

**Raleigh Reservoir** – 3.5 miles west, .25 miles south of Raleigh (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Sheep Creek Dam** – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Elgin (bluegill, largemouth bass, trout – fishing pier).

## **Griggs County**

**Carlson-Tande Dam** – 1 mile south, 5 miles west of Aneta (pike, perch, bluegill).

**Lake Addie** – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford (perch, walleye).

**Lake Jessie** – 4 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Binford (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Red Willow Lake** – 6 miles north, 2 miles west of Binford (pike, walleye, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Sibley Lake** – 1 mile west, 3 miles south of Binford (pike, perch – no ramp).

## **Hettinger County**

**Blickensderfer Dam** – 4 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Mott (walleye, perch, bluegill – no ramp).

**Castle Rock Dam** – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Mott (trout, bluegill).

**Indian Creek Dam** – 1.5 miles west, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Regent (walleye, bluegill, perch – fishing pier).

**Kilzer Dam** – 4.5 miles south, 1 mile east of Bentley (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

**Larson Lake** – .5 miles north and 2 miles east of Regent (pike, perch).

**Mott Watershed Dam** – North side of Mott (bluegill, largemouth bass, trout – fishing pier).

## **Kidder County**

**Alkaline Lake** – 15 miles south, 7 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Bond Lake** – 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west of Pettibone (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Cherry Lake** – 15 miles north, 3 miles east of Steele (pike, perch).

**Deer Lake** – 8 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Des Moines Lake** – 5.5 miles east of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

**Etta-Alkaline Complex** – 1 mile south, 2.5 miles west, 3 miles south of Dawson (pike – no ramp).

**Fresh Lake** – 15 miles south, 7 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Frettim Lake** – 2 miles east, 1 mile north of Robinson (pike, walleye, perch).

**Geier Lake** – 12 miles east, 9.5 miles north of Robinson (walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Helen Lake** – 2.5 miles west, 6 miles north of Tuttle (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Horsehead Lake** – 2 miles west, 6 miles south of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

**Jasper Lake** – 7 miles north, .5 miles east of Robinson (perch, walleye).

**Koenig North** – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Koenig South** – 12.25 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Kunkel Lake** – 5 miles east, 7 miles south, 1 mile east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Lake Geneva** – 2 miles south, .5 miles east of I-94 Exit 195 (perch – no ramp).

**Lake Isabel** – 2 miles south, .5 miles east, .75 miles south of Dawson (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Lake Josephine** – 2 miles north of Tuttle (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Lake No. 5** – .5 miles west, 2 miles north, 3 miles west, 4 miles north of Dawson (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Lake Williams** – Just south of the town of Lake Williams (pike, walleye, perch).

**Leno Lake** – 1 mile east, 7 miles north of Tuttle (pike – no ramp).

**Long Alkaline Lake** – 3 miles west, 7 miles north of Robinson (perch, pike – no ramp).

**McPhail WMA** – 7 miles north, 2 miles west of Tappen (perch – no ramp).

**Neustel Lake** – 2 miles north of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**North Des Moines Lake** – 5.5 miles east of Robinson (pike – no ramp).

**Pelican Lake** – 3 miles east, 11 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Plowe Lake** – 6 miles east, 5 miles north, 1 mile east of Robinson (perch, pike, walleye – no ramp).

**Rafferty Lake** – 12 miles east, 9.8 miles north of Robinson (walleye – no ramp).

**Ranch Lake** – 1 mile west of Pettibone (perch – no ramp).

**Remmick Lake** – 3 miles east, 6 miles north of Robinson (walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Round Lake** – 1 mile north, 1.5 miles east of Pettibone (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Schumacher Lake** – 7 miles north, 1 mile east, .25 miles south of Robinson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Seil Lake** – 6 miles east, 10 miles north, 4.25 miles east of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Sibley Lake** – 7 miles north, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Dawson (walleye – no ramp).

**South Lake** – 7 miles east, 2 miles south of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Swan Lake** – 10.5 miles north of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Trautmann Lake** – 1 mile west, 2 miles north, 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Robinson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Vogel WPA** – 12 miles east, 9.5 miles north of Robinson (walleye – no ramp).

**Willow Lake** – 9 miles north, 3 miles west of Robinson (perch – no ramp).

**Woodhouse Lake** – 12 miles north, 12 miles east of Wing (perch, walleye – no ramp).

## **LaMoure County**

**Alfred Lake** – 7 miles east, 1.5 miles south of Gackle (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Boom Lake (Marion Lake)** – .5 miles west of Marion (perch, walleye, pike).

**Diamond Lake** – 5 miles north of Kulm (pike, perch, walleye).

**Flood Lake** – 3.5 miles north of Kulm (pike, perch).

**Heinrich–Martin Dam** – 1 mile southeast of Adrian (bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie).

**Kalmbach Lake** – 1 mile south, 4.5 miles west, .5 miles south of Jud (pike, perch).

**Kulm–Edgeley Dam** – 4 miles west, 2 miles south of Edgeley (pike, walleye, perch).

**Lake LaMoure** – 1 mile south, 1 mile east, 2.5 miles south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of LaMoure (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

**LaMoure Dam** – West end of LaMoure (pike, walleye – no ramp).

**Limesand–Seefeldt Dam** – 8 miles south, 3 miles west of Marion (pike, bluegill, largemouth bass).

**Schlecht–Thom Dam** – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Edgeley (perch, largemouth bass, pike).

**Schlecht–Weixel Dam** – 4 miles south of Jud (perch, pike).

**Schlenker Dam (Lehr Dam)** – 11 miles west, .5 miles south of the junction of U.S. Highway 281 and ND Highway 46 (perch, largemouth bass, bluegill).

**Twin Lakes** – 4 miles north of LaMoure (perch, walleye, pike).

## **Logan County**

**Arnies Lake** – 1.5 miles south of Gackle, 2 miles east, 1 mile south (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Beaver Lake** – 8 miles south, 8 miles east of Napoleon (pike, perch).

**Braun Lake** – 18 miles south, 1 mile east of Steele (perch – no ramp).

**Buchholz WPA** – 4 miles east, .75 miles north of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Dewald Lake** – 8 miles north, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Doyles Lake** – 2.5 miles north, 2 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Wishek (perch – no ramp).

**Erickson Lake** – 8.5 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, 1.5 miles west of Kulm (perch – no ramp).

**Hauff Lake** – 7 miles north of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Kautz Lake** – 5 miles north, 6 miles west of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Kleingartner Lake** – 10 miles south, 5 miles west of Gackle (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Lepp Lake** – 1 mile east, 1 mile north of Lehr (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Logan Lake** – 1 mile west of Gackle (perch – no ramp).

**Logan (Mueller) WMA** – 8 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile south of Lehr (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Marvin Miller Lake** – 6.5 miles south, 8 miles west, .5 miles north of Gackle (perch, walleye).

**Mundt Lake** – 3 miles east, 4 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lehr (walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**North Napoleon Lake** – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Napoleon (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Ost Lake** – 7 miles east, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Railroad Lake** – 5.5 miles east of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Roesler Lake** – 8 miles north, 1 mile east of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Ruff Lake** – 5 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Lehr (perch – no ramp).

**Thurn Lake** – 5 miles north of Lehr, .5 miles east (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Weigel Lake** – 5 miles south, 3 miles east of Napoleon (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Wentz WPA** – 12 miles east of Napoleon (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**West Lake Napoleon** – 1 mile west of Napoleon (pike, perch).

**Wetzel Lake** – 11 miles west, 1 mile south of Gackle (perch – no ramp).

## **McHenry County**

**Bentley Lake** – 3 miles west of Drake (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Buffalo Lodge Lake** – 1 mile east, 3 miles north, 2 miles east of Granville (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Cottonwood Lake** – 2.5 miles north of Butte (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**George Lake** – 13 miles north, 1 mile east, 1.3 miles north, .5 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and ND Highway 14 (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Round Lake** – 6 miles north, 4.5 miles east of Drake (perch, walleye, pike – no ramp).

## **McIntosh County**

**Becker-Schlepp Lake** – 3 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, .5 miles east of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

**Blumhardt Dam** – 10 miles east, 7 miles north, 1.5 miles east of Ashley (trout).

**Clear Lake** – 6 miles east, 2 miles south of Wishek (pike – no ramp).

**Coldwater Lake** – 16 miles east, 1 mile south, 1 mile west of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Dollinger-Schnabel Lake** – 2 miles north, 5 miles west, 3 miles north of Venturia (perch – no ramp).

**Dorfman Lake** – 5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Dry Lake** – 5 miles west, 4 miles north, 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch).

**Green Lake** – 2 miles east, 4 miles south, 1 mile east of Wishek (walleye, pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Harr Lake** – 10 miles east, 12 miles north of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

**Homestead Lake** – 8 miles south, 8 miles east, 2 miles north of Wishek (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Lake Hoskins** – 3 miles west of Ashley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Lehr WMA** – 2 miles east, 1 mile south of Lehr (walleye).

**McIntosh WMA** – 10 miles east, 9 miles north of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

**Miller Lake** – 7.5 miles east, 2.5 miles south of Lehr (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Mudd Lake** – 1 mile west of Lehr (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Nagel Lake (Koepplin WPA)** – 1 mile east, 1 mile south, 1 mile east of Lehr (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Pfeifle Lake** – 10 miles south, 2 miles east of Wishek (pike – no ramp).

**Pudwill Lake** – 9 miles south, 4 miles west, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Lehr (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Rueb-Eszlinger** – 7.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Ashley (perch – no ramp).

## **McKenzie County**

**Arnegard Dam** – .5 miles west, 3 miles north, 1.5 miles south-west of Arnegard (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Leland Dam** – 11 miles south, 8 miles west, 8 miles south, 2 miles southeast, 1.5 miles east, 1 mile north of Alexander (bluegill, largemouth bass).

**Sather Dam** – 11 miles south, 8 miles west of Alexander (bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Watford City Park Pond** – Southeast side of Watford City (trout, catfish – no ramp, fishing pier).

## **McLean County**

**Brush Lake** – 3 miles north of Mercer (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

**Camp Lake** – 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Camp Loop Pond** – 3 miles southwest of Riverdale on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' downstream campground (trout – no ramp).

**Coal Lake** – 3.6 miles east of Underwood (perch – no ramp).

**Crooked Lake** – 10 miles north, .2 miles east, .1 mile south of Turtle Lake (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Custer Mine** – 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Garrison (trout, bluegill).

**East Park Lake** – 9 miles south of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**Lake Audubon** – North of Coleharbor (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**Lake Brekken** – 1.5 miles north of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Lake Gertie** – 1 mile south of Benedict (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Lake Holmes** – 1 mile northeast of Turtle Lake (walleye, perch).

**Lightning Lake** – .5 miles east of Turtle Lake (trout, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Long Lake** – 13 miles north, 4 miles east, 2 miles north, 1.5 miles west of Turtle Lake (pike, perch).

**Painted Woods Creek** – 5 miles southeast of Washburn (pike, walleye – no ramp).

**Pelican Lake** – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, .4 miles north of Mercer (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Riverdale City Pond** – North side of Riverdale (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Strawberry Lake** – 17.5 miles north, 2 miles east of Turtle Lake (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

**Triangle Y Pond** – 4 miles west, 1.5 miles south, 1 mile west, 1 mile south, 1 mile west, .5 miles south of Garrison (perch, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Turtle Lake** – 4.5 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (pike – no ramp).

**Weishaar WPA** – 8 miles north, 8 miles west, 1 mile north of Turtle Lake (perch – no ramp).

**West Park Lake** – 9 miles south, 2 miles west of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – no ramp).

## **Mercer County**

**Beulah Mine Pond** – 2 miles north, 2.5 miles east, .5 miles north of Beulah (perch – no ramp).

**Harmony Lake** – 6 miles north, 1 mile west of Hazen (bluegill, trout, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Hazen Creek** – West end of Hazen (trout, bluegill – no ramp).

## **Morton County**

**Crown Butte Dam** – 4 miles west on access road on north side of I-94 Exit 147 (largemouth bass, crappie, trout – fishing pier).

**Danzig Dam** – 2 miles north, 1.4 miles west, .2 miles north of I-94 Exit 120 (pike, perch, catfish).

**Fish Creek Dam** – 8 miles south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south of I-94 Exit 134 (trout, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Gaebe Pond** – 1.5 miles west of New Salem (trout, bluegill, perch – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Harmon Lake** – 8 miles north of Mandan on ND Highway 1806 (trout, largemouth bass, pike – fishing pier).

**Krieg's Pond** – .5 miles east of Hebron (trout, perch – no ramp).

**Little Heart Pond** – 11 miles south of Mandan on ND Highway 1806 (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

**Nygren Dam** – 6 miles north, 1 mile east, 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Flasher (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Porsborg Dam** – Northwest Mandan (perch, crappie, trout – no ramp).

**Sweet Briar Lake** – 18 miles west of Mandan I-94 Exit 134 (wall-eye, perch, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

## **Mountrail County**

**Clearwater Lake** – 10 miles northeast of Stanley (pike).

**Stanley Pond** – Northeast side of Stanley (trout, catfish – fishing pier).

**Stanley Reservoir** – 1 mile south of Stanley (pike).

**White Earth Dam** – 6 miles north, 8.5 miles east, 2 miles south of Tioga (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Nelson County**

**Lake Laretta** – 2 miles west, 3 miles north of Michigan (pike, perch – no ramp).

**McVile Dam** – 1 mile east of McVile (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Silver Creek Dam** – 4 miles west, .5 miles south of McVile (pike – no ramp).

**Stump Lake** – 12 miles south, 1 mile west of Lakota (perch, walleye, pike – fishing pier).

**Tolna Dam** – 1 mile south, 2 miles east of Tolna (pike, walleye, perch).

**Whitman Dam** – 1.5 miles north, 3 miles east of Whitman (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Oliver County**

**East Arroda Dam** – 1 mile east of Fort Clark ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).

**Nelson Lake** – 5 miles east, 3 miles south of Center (bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Oliver County Sportsmen's Pond** – 4 miles south, .5 miles west of Center (trout – no ramp).

**West Arroda Dam** – 1 mile east of Fort Clark ND Highway 200A (pike, crappie).

## **Pembina County**

**Renwick Dam** – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of Cavalier (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

## **Pierce County**

**Antelope Lake** – 3 miles south, 5.4 miles west, 2.4 miles south of the intersection of ND highways 3 and 19 (walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Balta Dam** – .5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).

**Buffalo Lake** – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Esmond (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Clear Lake** – 6 miles east, .7 miles south of Anamoose (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Davis Lake** – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Balta (pike, perch).

**Lesmeister Lake** – 3 miles south, 3 miles west, 1.3 miles north of the intersection of ND highways 3 and 19 (walleye – no ramp).

**Sand Lake** – 4 miles north of Pleasant Lake (pike, perch – fishing pier).

## **Ramsey County**

**Cavanaugh Lake** – 9 miles north, 1 mile west, .5 miles north of Devils Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Fenster Lake** – 3 miles north, 4 miles east of Crary (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Lake Irvine** – 1 mile north of Churchs Ferry (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Morrison Lake** – 3 miles east, 2 miles south of Webster (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Sweetwater Lake** – 7 miles north, .25 miles east of Devils Lake (pike, perch – no ramp).

## **Ransom County**

**Dead Colt Creek** – 5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east of Lisbon (bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

## **Renville County**

**Glenburn Pond** – North side of Glenburn (trout, bluegill – no ramp).

**Lake Darling** – 16 miles north, 13 miles west of Minot (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Richland County**

**Arndt Lake** – 6 miles east, 7 miles south, .5 miles west, 1 mile south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood (bluegill – no ramp).

**Bisek Slough** – 2 miles north, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike).

**Elm Lake** – .5 miles east, 3.5 miles south of Lidgerwood (walleye, pike, crappie – no ramp).



**Grass Lake** – 2 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, 1 mile north, 1.5 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike, crappie, walleye – fishing pier).

**Gullys Slough** – 4 miles east, 1 mile south of Lidgerwood (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Haus Lake** – 2 miles east, 7 miles south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood (walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Heley Lake** – 5 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Horseshoe Lake** – 4 miles west, 1 mile south of Hankinson (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Kreiser Slough** – 4 miles north, 3 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike – no ramp).

**Lake Elsie** – 1 mile south, 1.5 miles west of Hankinson (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Lueck Lake** – 4 miles east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Mooreton Pond** – 2 miles east of Mooreton (trout, bluegill, catfish – fishing pier).

**Reiland Lake** – 3 miles north, .5 miles east of Lidgerwood (perch – no ramp).

**Shriner Lake** – 4.5 miles south, .25 miles east of Lidgerwood (perch – no ramp).

**Silver Lake** – 2 miles north, 2 miles west of Lidgerwood (pike – no ramp).

**Strege Lake** – 3.5 miles east, 1.5 miles south, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Vislisl Lake** – 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Wahl Lake** – 2 miles south of Lidgerwood (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

**West Moran Lake** – 2 miles east, .5 miles south of Lidgerwood (perch, walleye, crappie – no ramp).

**Willard Lake** – 1 mile south, 2 miles west of Hankinson (pike – no ramp).

## **Rolette County**

**Belcourt Lake** – 2 miles north of Belcourt (pike, walleye, perch).

**Cain Lake** – 2 miles south, 9 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Carpenter Lake** – 12 miles west of St. John (pike, perch).

**Dion Lake** – 10 miles west, 2 miles north, 1 mile east of St. John (walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Gordon Lake** – 4.5 miles north, 1 mile west, .25 miles northwest of Belcourt (pike, walleye, perch).

**Gravel Lake** – 6 miles west, .5 miles north of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Hooker Lake** – 8 miles west of St. John (trout, smallmouth bass – fishing pier).

**Island Lake** – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Mylo (pike, perch).

**Jarvis Lake** – .75 miles southwest, 6 miles west of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Jensen Lake** – 9 miles west, 3 miles north of St. John (perch).

**Lake Udall** – Through the International Peace Garden, 13 miles north of Dunseith (trout – no ramp).

**School Section Lake** – 9 miles north, 2.5 miles east of Dunseith (pike, perch).

**Shutte Lake** – .5 miles east of Dunseith (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Upsilon Lake** – 6 miles west, 1 mile north of St. John (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Wheaton Lake** – 4.5 miles north, 2 miles west of Belcourt (walleye, perch).

## **Sargent County**

**Alkali Lake** – 3 miles south of Cayuga (walleye, crappie).

**Bergh Slough** – 1.5 miles south, 2.5 miles east of Forman (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Buffalo Lake** – 6 miles north, 1 mile east of Rutland (pike, walleye, crappie).

**Consolidated Lake** – 2.5 miles south, 3 miles east of Forman (walleye, crappie, pike – no ramp).

**Fiala Lake** – 1 mile west, 2 miles south of Forman (perch, walleye, pike – no ramp).

**Kraft Slough** – 1 mile south, 9 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Oakes (perch, walleye).

**Lake Tewaukon** – 5 miles south of Cayuga (pike, walleye, muskie – fishing pier).

**Lake Walstead** – 2.5 miles south, 1 mile east, .5 miles south of Forman (perch – no ramp).

**Ole Breum Lake** – 5 miles north, 2 miles east of Rutland (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Silver Lake** – 3 miles west, 2 miles south of Rutland (pike, crappie – fishing pier).

**Sprague Lake** – 6 miles west, 4 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Cayuga (pike, walleye, crappie).

**Tosse Slough** – 7.5 miles south, 1 mile east, 2 miles south, 1 mile east of Geneseo (perch, walleye, pike).

## **Sheridan County**

**Bender Lake** – .5 miles south, 4 miles west, .5 miles south of Martin (perch – no ramp).

**Cherry Lake** – 7 miles north, 3 miles east, 2 miles north, 1 mile west of Mercer (perch – no ramp).

**Coal Mine Lake** – 14 miles south, 5 miles east of Anamoose (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Davis WPA** – 8 miles south, 1 mile east of Denhoff (perch – no ramp).

**Heckers Lake** – 9 miles south, 2.4 miles east of Mercer (walleye, perch, smallmouth bass – no ramp).

**Kaibel Lake** – 10.2 miles south of Drake (perch – no ramp).

**Lake Richard** – 4.5 miles south of Drake (perch – no ramp).

**Mud Lake** – 4.5 miles south of Anamoose (perch – no ramp).

**North (Hoffer) McClusky** – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Sheyenne Lake** – 10 miles south, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Anamoose (pike, perch – no ramp).

**South (Hoffer) McClusky** – 2 miles north, 1 mile west of McClusky (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Stober Lake** – 4 miles west, 1 mile north of Goodrich (perch – no ramp).

**Vollrath Lake** – 5.5 miles north, 1 mile east, 1 mile south of Goodrich (perch – no ramp).

**Wolf Lake** – .5 miles south, 1.5 miles west of Martin (perch, pike – no ramp).

## **Sioux County**

**Froelich Dam** – 9 miles north, 2 miles west of Selfridge (pike, walleye, perch).

**Labow Lake** – 4 miles north, 3 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east of Thunderhawk, South Dakota (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

**Larson Lake** – 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Thunderhawk, South Dakota (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

## **Slope County**

**Cedar Lake** – 13 miles north, 2 miles west of Reeder (pike, perch).

**Davis Dam** – 16 miles west, 4 miles north of Amidon (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass).

## **Stark County**

**Belfield Pond** – Southwest side of Belfield (trout, perch, catfish – fishing pier).

**Dassinger Pond** – 8 miles south, 1 mile east, .8 miles north of Exit 72. Walk through the gate 500 yards northwest (bluegill, largemouth bass – no ramp).

**Dickinson Dike** – Southwest side of Dickinson (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Dickinson Reservoir (Patterson Lake)** – 2 miles west of Dickinson (walleye, perch, pike – fishing pier).

**Slater Pond** – From I-94 Exit 84, .75 miles north, 1 mile east, .5 miles north, .5 miles east (perch, trout – no ramp).

## **Steele County**

**Finley Dam (Lynch Lake)** – 1 mile south of Finley (pike, perch – no ramp).

**North Golden Lake** – 10 miles east, 4 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley (pike, perch, walleye).

**South Golden Lake** – 10 miles east, 3 miles north, .5 miles west of Finley (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Stutsman County**

**Alkali Lake** – 11 miles north, 5 miles east, 1 mile south of Jamestown (pike, perch – no ramp).

**Arrowwood Lake** – 3 miles south, 5 miles west of Kensal (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Bader Lake** – 4 miles south, 1 miles east of I-94 Exit 228 (pike, perch, walleye).

**Barnes Lake** – 1 mile east, 6 miles north of Woodworth (pike, walleye, perch).

**Big Mallard Marsh** – 9 miles north, 1 mile east of Woodworth (pike, walleye, perch).

**Clark Lake** – 5 miles west, 2 miles north of Woodworth (pike, perch, walleye).

**Cleveland Slough** – .5 miles south of Cleveland along County Road 67 (perch, pike – no ramp).

**Crystal Springs** – 1 mile east of Crystal Springs (pike, walleye, perch).

**Hehn-Schaffer Lake** – 4 miles north of Gackle (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Hoggarth Dam** – 3 miles west, 3 miles south of Courtenay (perch – no ramp).

**Jamestown Reservoir** – 2 miles north of Jamestown (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

**Jim Lake** – 6 miles east of Pingree (pike, walleye, perch – no ramp).

**Little Britches Pond** – Next to Jamestown Reservoir marina (trout – no ramp).

**Mud and Pearl Lakes** – 8 miles north, 3 miles west, 2 miles north, .3 miles east of Medina (perch – no ramp).

**Pipestem Reservoir** – 5 miles northwest, .8 miles west, 1 mile south of Jamestown (pike, walleye, crappie).

**R and M Lake** – 4 miles east, 5 miles north of Buchanan (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Reule Lake** – 5 miles west, .5 miles north of Medina (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Schock Lake** – 11.5 miles north, 3.5 miles east, 1 mile north, .5 miles west of Jamestown (perch – no ramp).

**Spiritwood Lake** – 10 miles north, 4 miles east of Jamestown (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Streeter Lake** – South side of Streeter (pike, perch).

**Sunday Lake** – 1.5 miles west, 3 miles north of Woodworth (pike – no ramp).

## **Towner County**

**Armourdale Dam** – 9 miles east, 1.5 miles north of Rolla (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Bisbee Dam-Big Coulee** – 1 mile east of Bisbee (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

## **Walsh County**

**Bylin Dam** – 3 miles east, 3 miles south of Adams (pike, bluegill, walleye – fishing pier).

**Dougherty Dam** – 1 mile west of Bylin Dam (pike, bluegill – no ramp).

**Homme Dam** – 2 miles west of Park River (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

**Matejcek Dam** – 6 miles south of Lankin (pike, walleye, perch).

## **Ward County**

**Hiddenwood Lake** – 8 miles south of Makoti (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Makoti Lake** – 6 miles south of Makoti (pike, perch – no ramp).

**North Carlson Lake** – 10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch).

**Rice Lake** – 4 miles north, 7 miles east, 2 miles north of Ryder (pike, perch, walleye).

**South Carlson Lake** – 10 miles east of Ryder (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**State Fair Pond** – North end of state fair grounds (trout, bluegill – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Velva Sportsmen's Pond** – 7 miles south, 1.5 miles west, 1 mile south, .5 miles west of Velva (trout).

## **Wells County**

**Goose Lake** – 3 miles north, 3 miles east, 1 mile north of Harvey (pike, perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Harvey Dam** – Southeast side of Harvey (pike, perch, walleye – fishing pier).

**Hurd Lake** – 2 miles west, 3 miles south of Hurdsfield (perch – no ramp).

**Hurdsfield-Tuffy Lake** – 3.5 miles east of Hurdsfield (perch, walleye – no ramp).

**Silver Lake WMA** – 3 miles south of Chaseley (perch – no ramp).

**Sykeston Dam** – Northwest side of Sykeston (pike, perch, crappie – fishing pier).

**Weisz Lake** – 2 miles west, 1.5 miles south of Hurdsfield (perch – no ramp).

## **Williams County**

**Blacktail Dam** – 5 miles north, 5 miles west, 1 mile north of the junction of U.S. highways 2 and 85 (pike, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Cottonwood Lake** – 1 mile east, .5 miles north of Alamo (pike – fishing pier).

**East Spring Lake Pond** – North side of Williston (pike – no ramp, fishing pier).

**Epping-Springbrook Dam** – 1.5 miles east of Springbrook (pike, walleye, perch – fishing pier).

**Kettle Lake** – 3 miles east, 2.5 miles north of Zahl (trout, perch – fishing pier).

**Kota-Ray Dam** – 5 miles south, .5 miles east, 2 miles south of Ray (trout, bluegill, largemouth bass – fishing pier).

**Little Muddy River** – East edge of Williston (pike, catfish, walleye – fishing pier).

**McGregor Dam** – 1 mile south of McGregor (walleye, trout, perch – fishing pier).


**McLeod (Ray) Reservoir** – Southwest side of Ray (walleye, perch, bluegill – fishing pier).

**Tioga Dam** – North side of Tioga (pike, perch – fishing pier).

**Trenton Lake** – South side of Trenton (pike, walleye, crappie – fishing pier).

**West Spring Lake Pond** – North edge of Williston (trout – no ramp).

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| <b>YEAR(S)</b> | <b>SIGNIFICANT REGULATION FACTS</b>  |
|----------------|--|
| 1895           | North Dakota's Fish Commissioner established a limit of 25 fish.   |
| 1911           | One line per angler ("line to be held in hand or attached to a rod so held").  |
| 1915           | No (ice) fish houses could be used anywhere.   |
| 1930           | North Dakota Game and Fish Department established.   |
| 1931           | Possession limit noted twice the daily limit for game fish.  |
| 1933           | Dumping/releasing of minnows in any waters of North Dakota prohibited.   |
| 1950           | Ice houses legal but need to be licensed; high grading specifically stated as illegal.   |
| 1954           | No live fish may be transported in or out of state without written permission from the commissioner; limits only exist for walleye, sauger, northern pike, white bass and black bass.  |
| 1955           | Minnow traps allowed for the taking of up to 12 dozen minnows; limit of 5 daily/possession established for trout.  |
| 1956           | Two fishing poles and bow equipment (no game fish) allowed.  |
| 1963           | Illegal to release any fish back to the water at any time (except for pike with length restrictions) – continued with this wording until 1975.   |
| 1964           | Class 1 and 2 trout lake delineations established.   |
| 1967           | Perch eyes became legal bait.  |
| 1969           | First year underwater spearfishing allowed.  |
| 1975           | Legal to return game fish to the water immediately after being caught; Missouri River System opened year-round.  |
| 1978           | Legal to return all fish to the water immediately after being caught; first boat motor restrictions on select lakes.   |
| 1990           | First free fishing weekend (in June); sturgeon (pallid and shovelnose) could no longer be harvested.   |
| 1993           | Year-round fishing allowed statewide with the season beginning April 1; limits established for channel catfish, rock bass and burbot, however, no limits for panfish; possession limit double the daily for most species; Special Fish Management Areas replace the "class" trout lake categories; four lines legal for larger water bodies for ice fishing. |
| 1995           | Salmon snagging season eliminated.   |
| 1996-98        | Initial two-year proclamation; first year of a pocketbook guide; trout/salmon stamp eliminated; four lines legal statewide for ice fishing.  |
| 2000-02        | Yellow perch (50/250) and crappie (50/100) daily/possession limits established; darkhouse spearfishing allowed in 2001 (28 lakes).   |
| 2002-04        | Yellow perch and crappie daily limits reduced to 35 (possession 175) – bluegill added to limits (35/175).  |
| 2006-08        | Each panfish species daily/possession limits further reduced (20/80)   |
| 2008-10        | New ANS regulations became effective.  |
| 2012-14        | Liberalized northern pike daily possession limit from 3/6 to 5/10 statewide. Most lakes open to darkhouse spearfishing.  |

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